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- 4 interceptions against Vikings
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■ Colts QB Manning voted NFL MVP day after torching Denver for 457 vards, 4 TDs

Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre is sacked by the Minnesota Vikings' Chris Claiborne during the first quarter of their NFL playoff game on Sunday at Lambeau Field in Green Bay, Wis. Minnesota won 31-1

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#### World

Ukraine elections: Ukraine's Supreme Court on Monday turned down an array of appeals of last month's presidential election results filed by allies of Viktor Yanukovych, the former prime minister whom preliminary results show lost to a Western-leaning reformer.

The court at midday announced it had rejected four appeals, and Central Elections Commission head Yaroslav Dayvdovvch later said four other complaints had been turned down by the court. The rejections put Yanukovych in an increasingly tight corner

"There are no more appeals" in the Supreme Court, Davydovych said, adding the commission was ready to begin a session aimed at announcing final official results of the Dec. 26 vote apparently won by opposi-tion leader Viktor Yushchenko. That vote was a court-ordered rerun of a Nov. 21 ballot that was annulled after allegations that massive fraud had given Yanukovych the

U.S. and N. Korean talks: An American congressman traveling in North Korea held talks with senior North Korean officials on Monday, an official news agency said.

Tom Lantos the ranking Democrat on the House International Relations Committee, held talks with Yang Hyong Sop, vice president of the Presidium of the North's Supreme People's Assembly, at the Mansudae Assembly Hall, the North's official Korean Central News Agency said.

Lantos also met North Korean Foreign Minister Paek Nam Sun on Monday.

Vietnam bird flu: Another person has died of bird flu in Vietnam, the country's third death from the virus in less than two weeks, a doctor said Monday.

A 16-year-old girl from Dong Thap province died Saturday after spending two weeks breathing with a respirator at the Hospital for Tropical Diseases in Ho Chi Minh City, said hospital deputy director Tran Tinh Hien.

The girl, who had earlier tested positive for the H5N1 strain of bird flu, had eaten sick chickens, doctors say. Hien said the hospital was treating two other patients suspected of having caught bird flu. Tests were being conducted, he added.

Widow to pursue protest: The widow of Philippines presidential candidate Fernan-do Poe Jr. asked the Supreme Court on Monday to be allowed to pursue her husband's electoral protest, which alleges the actor-turned-politician was robbed of the presidency.

Poe died of a stroke last month without conceding defeat to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in the election last May. The actor and his running mate, Loren

Legarda, alleged massive irregularities and fraud marred the polls, which they claimed to have won by 1.1 million votes.

There have been suggestions from Poe supporters that his widow, actress Susan Roces, should now lead the opposition.



More work on Diana fountain: Workmen lift decking mats at the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fountain in London's Hyde Park on Monday to replace worn turf, extend the path and improve drainage. Repairs to the ill-fated fountain will mean it will be closed for four months, with plans to reopen on May 1. Thousands of tourists have flocked to the \$6.73 million fountain, designed by American Kathryn Gustafson, since it was officially opened by the Queen Elizabeth II on July 6. But the memorial has been beset by problems.

#### States

Pilot drinking case: The Supreme Court let stand Monday a lower ruling that allows Florida state prosecutors to pursue charges against two fired America West pilots accused of being drunk in the cockpit.

Without comment, justices turned aside the appeal from Thomas Cloyd of Peoria, Ariz., and co-pilot Christopher Hughes of Leander, Texas. The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta had ruled in July that Florida's prosecution should have run its course before the federal courts got involved

The pilots had backed their Airbus, carrying 124 passengers, from a gate at Miami International Airport for a flight to Phoenix in July 2002. Miami-Dade Police Officers, alerted by airport security guards that the pilots had smelled of alcohol when leaving the terminal to board their plane, raced to stop the jet and had it returned to the gate before takeoff.

Tulia drug busts: When former police officer Tom Coleman goes on trial in Lub-

bock, Texas, someone from his past plans to be watching in the court-room: Joe Welton

munity received fair trials.

Welton Moore, who spent four years in prison based on Coleman's discredited drug busts in Tulia. Moore, who had been sentenced to 90 years, was one of dozens of

people pardoned follow-

ing a 2003 hearing to determine if some of the people arrested — most

of them black - in the small farming com-

Jury selection in Coleman's periury trial was scheduled Monday, and was expected to last about a week. If convicted, he could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine on each felony charge.

Peterson case reward: The five dog-walk-ers who found the decomposed bodies of Laci Peterson and her unborn fetus on the shoreline will split a \$50,000 reward from a fund generally used for the safe return of missing persons.

"It is with great pain that we have to pay this reward," said Kim Petersen, executive director of the Carole Sund/Carrington Me-morial Reward Foundation. "But it's better than spending years and years not know-

Two of the dog-walkers testified at Scott Peterson's murder trial last year. The names of the other reward recipients were not released, and Petersen said at a news conference that all five recipients wished to remain anonymous

#### Military

Submarine aground: The sailor killed when a nuclear submarine ran aground off Guam on Sunday was identified as Machinist Mate 2nd Class Joseph Allen Ashley, 24, of Akron, Ohio.

Ashley, who had recently re-enlisted for five more years, died when a nuclear submarine ran aground, damaging the vessel's bow but leaving its reactor plant intact, authorities said.

The USS San Francisco reached its home port of Apra Harbor in Guam on Monday under its own power, a Navy spokesman said. The Navy said 23 other people were injured Saturday, when the sub ran aground about 350 miles south of Guam

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# **DOD** makes flu shots available all active duty

By SANDRA JONTZ Stars and Stripes

It's peak flu season, and U.S. military health officials are urging all active-duty forces to take advantage of a recent policy

change and get vaccinated This month, the Pentagon loos ened restrictions on the distribution of the limited dosage supply of the flu vaccine, and now is making it available to all active-duty members. Until the change, only those deploying and those who fell within high-risk categories set by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention received

the vaccine. The number of confirmed cases of influenza tracked by the U.S. Army's Europe Regional Medical Command has been below average this year, with 16 reported cases in U.S. Army Europe, spokesman Phillip Tegtmeier said

More than half of those were

is down compared to last season confirmed in the past week. This year, USAREUR medical of-The number of people sufferficials treated about 35,000 paing, however, is likely higher because not all those who are ill tients who sought treatment for flu-like symptoms, down from seek medical treatment, he said. 40,508 this time last year.

Confirmed cases are those in which patients who sought medi-cal treatment had blood tests done that verified the presence of the influenza virus, he said.

#### Several groups susceptible to flu

ing to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention,

now include the following: ■ All children 6-23 months;

Those suffering from flu-like

symptoms, but who don't actually

contract the influenza virus, also

The number of confirmed

cases last year was 54 out of 314

samples, higher than this year's

16 cases out of 121 samples.

- Adults 50 years and older: ■ All women who are pregnant during the influ-
- Persons 2-49 years old with underlying chronic medical conditions.
- These include in part
- Pulmonary illnesses, such as emphysema, chronic bronchitis or asthma:
- Cardiovascular illnesses, such as congestive heart failure: ■ Chronic metabolic diseases, including diabe-
- nellitus; renal dysfunction; ■ Sickle cell disease, or immunosuppression (including immunosuppression caused by medications or by human immunodeficiency virus
- Children 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy, for rare conditions such as Juvenile Rheumatoid Arthritis or coronary artery abnormalities caused by Kawasaki's disease;
  - Health care workers involved in direct patient
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months or any other high-risk nerson

Note: Children under 9 require two doses of the vaccine if they have not been previously vaccinat-

People who have had serious allergic reaction to eggs or to a previous dose of influenza vaccine or people who have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome should not receive the vaccine and should consult their local health care provider for other preventive measures if in a high-risk category. Source: U.S. Army Furone Regional Medical Command

which are taken at a physician's with Navy Region Command-Eu-

Physicians will continue to take Once the flu season ends and insamples from patients who they formation is compiled from Navy suspect have the virus until early installations reaching from Keflato mid-March, which typically vick. Iceland, to Souda Bay. The Navy in Europe has not

Crete, "there could be a couple of cases," he added. Figures for Air Force personnel in Europe, and those deployed to Central Command's area of operation, were not available at

In spite of the fewer-than-anticipated cases, health officials still are urging people who have not been vaccinated to do so because January and February mark the peak season, he said.

"Historically, the peak of the flu season comes in January and February," Col. Loren Erickson, commander of the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, Europe, said in a statement.

The vaccine doesn't provide im-mediate protection; it does not be-come effective for one to two weeks after it is administered he

Citing force protection and security reasons, officials will not say how many doses were provided to vaccinate troops and at-risk members in Europe. However. they received "100 percent of what we projected we would need," Tegtmeier said. He said the command has no

plans to seek additional doses in spite of the policy change now making the vaccine available to all active-duty forces

Dependents and civilian employees still are not eligible for vaccines if they do not meet any at-risk criteria.

In late December, the CDC changed its at-risk category and dropped the age from 65 to 50.

> A small part of the lunch crowd

> crosses in front of

will soon house the

area/movie theater

complex at Aviano

The existing postal

Air Base, Italy.

facility will then handle package

delivery. The

the building that

base post office and a mass briefing

# Aviano's ongoing construction project hits a few setbacks

like all over the world, there are

likely cases out there that have

not come to our attention," said

Chief John Musser, a spokesman

marks the end of the sea

had a confirmed case,

BY KENT HARRIS Stars and Stripes

AVIANO AIR BASE. Italy - Even for those familiar with this Air Force base, the name of the military construction project

here can cause confusion

Just what is Aviano 2000? A series of projects scheduled for completion in 2000?

Does the number coincide with the number of projects scheduled? No

Does it signify how many years it's going to take to finish? Seemingly closer, but still

"It was just meant to signify a new millennium, a futuristic time," said Lt. Col. Ken Polasek, program manager for the \$550 million project — one of the world's largest ongoing military construction ef-forts. "It was never envisioned to be completed by 2000."

If the completion date did bear a significance in the name, the program would be called Aviano 2010. That's the latest end date on a project that has seen a number of success stories - and a number of problems and setbacks

On the positive side, the sweeping program will leave the base with almost entirely new, state-of-the-art facilities. But many targeted completion dates — including for the consolidated school — have run a year or more behind schedule

The latest series of setbacks includes a decision by the Spanish government to hold up eight projects that are at least par-tially funded by NATO. Those projects include a new passenger terminal, a flight simulator and a new base library. Under NATO rules, a member country can hold up such funding indefinitely if it wants time for study. Two projects that will benefit the Army

especially paratroops from nearby Vice nza — are currently on hold because the winning construction bids are being pro-



tested. The Government Accountability Office will review them. Polasek said he still hopes that work can start soon on the \$10.7 million staging area for paratroops and a rigging facility.

Regardless, about two dozen projects are scheduled for completion this calendar year. They include:

A facility near the base exchange/commissary complex that will house the post office and a mass briefing room that will double as the base movie theater. Together, the facilities cost about \$4.4 million and cover 24,000 square feet. The 350-seat theater will replace an older facility a few blocks away on the flight line. The post office will replace the smaller portable building nearby. That facility will then handle packages.

■ A \$3.9 million Child Development Center behind the exchange/commissary complex. The 17,000-square-foot facility will be able to handle about 150 children theory erasing the existing waiting list and allow an addition to the Area 2 gymnasium when the existing CDC closes

■ A \$4.3 million kindergarten facility near the consolidated school that will allow all-day classes to begin. The 16,000-square-foot facility has nine classrooms, and all that's left for the contractor to do is finish the landscaping and the playground area outside. But it won't open until the new school year starts.

■ A section of the road that circles the runway has been closed for three construction projects. Ground has been broken on one of them; a large parking lot for tranproject is part of the base's ongoing construction project. Aviano 2000 KENT HARRIS

sient aircraft. The \$7 million project will hold as many as 12 C-130 planes or five C-17s, and is set to be finished in the fall.

The new staging facility for the Army will be nearby. Other projects set to debut this year in-clude the \$2.7 million, 21-lane indoor firing

range; an operations headquarters for the 510th Fighter Squadron: a new control tower: and the last two of the six dorms on the flight line.

Polasek said the number of projects will start slowing down, but construction won't stop on base, even after the program closes

"Because once you stop [building and renovating], you're done," he said. "That usually means the mission's over and there's nobody here

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# **AAFES lets non-DOD buy troops phone cards**

BY RICK EMERT Stars and Strings

An ongoing Army and Air Force Exchange Service program has raised \$1.2 million to put prepaid phone cards into the

hands of troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.
The "Help Our Troops Call Home" program allows people without AAFES privileges to purchase phone cards online for servicemembers downrange.

The program began in April, and, as of December, purchasers had spent \$1,283,945 to buy 32,113 phone cards, according to an AAFES release.

The cost on the AAFES Web site, www.aafes.com, is \$39 for a \$50-unit pre-paid card, \$14.99 for a 200-unit card and \$20 for a ship to shore card. Shipping is 37 cents for each type. There also are options to buy the cards in increments of 10 or 25

The costs per minute for the cards, according to the Web site, are 21 cents for the 550-unit card, 23 cents for the 200 unit card and 50 cents for the ship to shore card. These special rates are good through

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14.

The posted rates are for calls to the Unit-

ed States. Rates for servicemembers to call family members stationed in Europe were not posted on the Web site.

Purchasers can either buy the cards for "any servicemember" or for an individual deployed servicemember.

The phone cards also are helpful to the military postal service downrange, said Debbie Byerly, an AAFES-Europe spokeswoman.

"One of the reasons we implemented this program was to help the military postal service, which has to process all the gifts" that the American public sent to de-

ployed troops, Byerly said. "If a group raises \$1,000, they could purchase \$1,000 in phone cards, and that won't take up as much space as other gifts may."

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Based on AAFES' surveys of deployed troops, the phone cards are an ideal gift, she said

"In surveys, the soldiers have said that their phone calls home mean everything to them," Byerly said. "Nothing replaces the voice of a loved one or having the opportunity to talk to your family while you're deployed."

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#### Baby love greets Bagram returnees



PHOTOS BY SEAN COBE

Above: Senior Airman Manda Kirby sees her 13-month-old son, James, for the first time in more than four months after returning early Monday to Spangdahlern Air Base, Germany, from Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. Her husband, Senior Airman Christopher Kirby, right, held down the home front while his wife was gone. About 25 airmen from several S2nd Fighter Wing units returned from a four-month deployment to Bagram.

Right: Senior Airman Melissa Mendenhall, of the 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, greets her "baby," Shy the Chihuahua, upon arriving at the air base on Monday.



# Investigators crack down on insurance scams to GIs

BY LEO SHANE III Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — Georgia's insurance commissioner expects more investigations and sanctions against insurance companies with a military focus in the wake of a Texas firm's admission of improper insurance sales to troops in basic training.

Last week American-Amicable Life Insurance announced it would pay about \$1.3 million to more than 900 Georgia servicemembers sold policies while in training, which is prohibited under Department of Defense policies and Georgia insurance sales regula-

Company officials blamed a third-party seller — an independent firm selling products from more than one insurance company — for what they called a one-time mistake, but commissioner John W. Oxendine said he thinks the incident points to a larger problem of the industry exploiting military nersonnel.

"These refunds will in no way be the last step," he said. "We have an active investigation against six other insurance companies. We believe this does happen all the time."

One of those other investigations is focused on First Command, who last month agreed to pay an \$8 million fine and refund about \$4 million to customers given false information and promises about systematic investment plans

Since the investigations began, several of the companies in question have been barred from business at Fort Benning in Georgia. The Department of Defense has asked all bases to provide details of their solicitation investigations since 2000 as part of a comprehensive review of the industry.

American-Amicable offered life insurance refunds in early 2004 after a similar illegal sales charge at Camp Pendleton, Calif. The company was banned from U.S. Army bases in Europe from 1998 to 2000 for similar soliciting violations.

Spokesman Mark Palmer said that after the latest charges, American-Amicable hired Carl Ross, the retired civilian chief of staff for training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, to help revamp training and marketing policies, to ensure similar problems don't appear in the future.

He added that American-Amicable

He added that American-Amicable has ended its contracts with all of the third-party sellers involved in the improper sales.

The third-party seller involved in the Fort Benning case was contacted for comment, but did not respond.

Oxendine said he thinks Georgia's investigations are just the start of what he hopes will be a nationwide crackdown on unscrupulous insurance and investment firms.

"Ripping off soldiers has been hap-

rappening since the Middle Ages, but it appears at times of war it gets more active," he said. "But we haven't really heard about it until recently.

"The military has taken care of everything (these troops) need, and for them to go outside that structure to complain is against what they've been taught."

Troops who bought the American-Amicable policies while training in Georgia will have 180 days to request a refund, but those stationed outside the United States won't have that timetable start until they return. All should be receiving notification by mail in the coming weeks.

For more information, call (800) 556-2298.

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#### Navies test search-and-rescue skills About 400 U.S. sailors from the USS O'Bannon, a de-

stroyer based in Mayport, Fla., and P-3C Orion aircraft from Sigonella, Italy, Sunday began an annual trilateral search-and-rescue training exercise with navies from Israel and Turkey, officials said.

The O'Bannon is on a scheduled deployment to 6th Fleet as part of a surface strike group under the Navy's Fleet Response Plan. The seventh annual 'Rehiard's exercise, which runs through Thursday, is designed to help the U.S., Israeli and Turkish navies work together, and will take place in internatives to the property of the property of the Plant of the

#### Sigonella cautious after Etna burp

SIGONELLA, Sicily — Mount Etna "burped" ash this weekend, pompting Naval Air Station Sigonella officials to warn servicemembers and families to steer clear of the active volcano, base spokesman Lt. Steve Curry said.

The volcano emitted less ash than experts first anticipated in the morning hours on Saturday, and no one sought medical treatment, Curry said. Often, ash can cause eye irritations and breathing difficulties, he said. The warning was later lifted.

Vulcanologists in the city of Catania, near the air station, advised base officials that emission of ash came from the southeast crater of the mountain, the same side as both NAS Signonella I and II, he said. No ash reached either base, he said.

rom staff reports



Photo courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Smoke and ash roll out of Mount Etna, an active volcano, on Saturday.

# 2 GIs killed when Bradley hits IED in Baghdad

#### 4 others hurt: Iraqi police official, son assassinated

BY DUSAN STOJANOVIC The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - A roadside bomb exploded in southwestern Baghdad on Monday, destroying a heavily armored Bradley fighting vehicle and killing two American soldiers, the military said, while insurgents shot dead Baghdad's deputy police chief and his son Monday, police said.

The Bradley is one of the more heavily armored vehicles in the U.S. arsenal, suggesting that the bomb was quite powerful. The U.S. Defense Department said last week that insurgents were increasing the size and power of the bombs they plant as they escalate their attacks before the Jan. 30 election

Four American soldiers were wounded in the blast, which came four days after a powerful roadside bomb hit another Bradley Fighting Vehicle, killing all seven U.S. soldiers inside and destroying the vehicle. The U.S. military had earlier said Monday's blast destroyed an Abrams battle tank. but later corrected that

Scores of police and regional government officials have been assassinated in recent months, part of the insurgents' campaign to try to instill fear ahead of the vote and to hunt down people who are perceived as collaborators with the U.S.-led coalition. Last Tuesday, gunmen shot dead the governor of Baghdad, Ali al-Haidari, and six of his bodyguards.

Iragi Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said Monday that the authorities have captured 147 suspected insurgents throughout the country, including the leader of an insurgent group just days after he took over for the previous chief, who was detained two months ago.

Allawi identified the man as Raad al-Doury. He took over the



Iraqi policemen comfort each other as a U.S. soldier watches, after an explosion Monday outside the police station in Baghdad's neighborhood of Zafarniyah. A suicide car bomb — in a fake police car — exploded in the courtyard of a police station in southern Baghdad, killing at least four policemen and injuring 10 others.

top post of Jaish Muhammad. which is Arabic for Muhammad's Army, from Moayad Ahmed Yasseen, detained in November. Allawi has accused Jaish Muhammad of killing and beheading a number of Iragis Arabs and foreigners in Iraq.

Baghdad's deputy police chief, Brig. Amer Ali Nayef was assassi nated with his son, Lt. Khalid Amer, also a police officer. They were killed in Baghdad's south Dora district while traveling in a car on their way to work, Interior

Ministry spokesman Capt. Ahmed Ismail said.

Gunmen sprayed machine-gun fire from two cars which were driving parallel with the police chief's vehicle, before fleeing the scene of the attack close to his home, police said. The two were alone in their car.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the group led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, posted a statement on the Internet claiming responsibility for the Baghdad assassinations. It described Nayef and Amer as foreign "agents," and warned Iraqis cooperating with the U.S.-led military that they would meet the same fate.

In a separate attack Monday, a suicide car bomb exploded in the courtyard of a police station in southern Baghdad, killing at least four policemen and wounding 10 others, police and witnesses said A fake police car packed with ex-plosives was used in the attack.

The Army of Ansar al-Sunna, one of the most violent militant groups in Iraq, claimed responsibility for the attack.

In other violence Monday, three Iraqi National Guard soldiers were killed and six were injured in the restive northern city of Mosul when their joint patrol with U.S. troops was attacked by a roadside bomb, said Maj. Andre Hance, a U.S. military spokesThere were no American casu-

The U.S. military said its forces accidentally killed a 13-year-old girl and wounded a 14-year-old boy near Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad. when a 1st Infantry Division observation post engaged an area producing unidentified smoke outside of a local forward operating

On Monday, a militant group posted threats in at least two towns warning it would deploy "highly trained" sniners to target voters around Iraq during Jan. 30

The statement, signed by the previously unknown Secret Re-publican Army, said 32 snipers will stalk voters outside polling in Wasit, a largely Shiite province south of Baghdad that includes Kut, Numaniya and Suwaiyra. It didn't say how many would be sent elsewhere.

#### U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Sunday, at least 1,353 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,056 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians

The AP count is 11 higher than the Defense Depart-ment's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Friday

The British military has reported 76 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 16; Ukraine, 16; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary. Latvia and Kazakhstan one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,214 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 947 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's num-

The latest deaths reported by the military:

- A U.S. soldier assigned to Task Force Baghdad was killed Sunday after a patrol was struck by an explosive.
- A Marine was killed in action in Iraq's Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the Defense Depart-

Army Pfc. Daniel F. Guastaferro, 27, Las Vegas; died Friday in Ramadi, Iraq, when his vehicle crashed; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 503rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, Camp Casey,

### Witness in abuse trial says Graner punched Iraqi detainee

BY T.A. BADGER The Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas - A military guard at Abu Ghraib testified Monday that he saw Spc. Charles Graner Jr. punch an Iraqi detainee in the face, but that he didn't see Graner during an alleged sexual humiliation incident at the Baghdad

Spc. Matthew Wisdom, the first witness in Graner's prisoner abuse trial, said Graner was among a number of guards who roughed up detainees on Nov. 7. 2003. Graner is the first soldier to be tried in the case, and prosecutors say he was

Wisdom's testimony corroborates a prominent photo from Abu Ghraib that showed the muscular Graner holding a detainee as if he were about to strike him in the face. The witness said Graner cocked his arm while the picture was taken, and then he punched the

Asked how hard Graner hit the prisoner, Wisdom said, "If I was that detainee, know that it would be very painful. Wisdom said he

was urged to participate in abuse, but that he instead report-

ed it to his immediate superior. "I was very upset," he said. "It made me kind of sick, almost. It didn't seem

Graner, a 36-year-old former prison guard from Uniontown, Pa., is charged with conspiracy to maltreat Iraqi detainees, assault, dereliction of duty and committing indecent acts. The defense contends that Graner was

hase

told by higher-ranking soldiers and intelligence agents to rough up the detainees prior to interrogation, and that he had no choice but to obey despite personal mis-

An all-male jury of four Army officers and six senior enlisted men will decide his fate in what is expected to be a weeklong trial. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to 171/2 years in a military prison.

Under military law, a conviction requires guilty votes by seven of the 10 jurors, all of whom have served in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

Wisdom testified that he did not see Graner when a naked Iraqi was allegedly forced to masturbate. That incident is the basis of one of the maltreatment charges

But another member of the 372nd Military Police Company said Graner was not only there, but that the defendant photohed a simulated oral sex scene

Pvt. Jeremy Sivits, who in May pleaded guilty to taking part in abuse, said Graner was in charge of stacking naked prisoners into a human pyramid with which he later posed for pictures.

"He was trying to get the job done, but he was also laughing and having a good time," said Sivits, who told the court that his testimony against Graner was stipulated in his plea deal.

Two other members of Graner's unit who have made plea deals, Ivan Freder-ick and Megan Ambuhl, are also sched-uled to testify against him.

Sgt. Joseph Darby, who first reported the alleged abuse, also is scheduled to appear. As many as three Iraqi detainees may testify via videotaped deposition.



# From the football field to the battlefield

#### Researchers borrow from sports padding design to help improve body armor, save lives

BY BRENT KALLESTAD

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Spc. Robert Loria's life was changed when a roadside bomb blasted his Humwee in Iraq. With no armor on the vehicle or his body, the Middletown, N.Y., soldier lost part of his left arm and suffered other injuries.

"I can't be too angry," he said in a recent telephone interview from his home. "Things happen for a reason. It was God's intent. It just so happened it was my time." Loria has taken a philosophical ap-

proach to his injuries, but critics of the U.S. military say inadequate armor is costing many troops their lives and limbs in an increasing Iraqi insurgency.

Injuries like those he suffered are prompting the military to come up with answers to give the troops more protection. But the helmets and bulletproof vests that soldiers now wear don't protect their arms and legs. And many, who suffer blasts such as the roadside bomb that injured Loria in February, are losing limbs or are bleeding to death because their extremities are exosed.

Researchers at Florida State University and Jacksonville armored-equipment manufacturer Armor Holdings think they have a solution. They are developing lightweight armor for soldiers' arms and legs that could reduce fatalities and loss of limbs.

"Most of the folks who die over there, die from flying debris, they bleed to death," said lead researcher James Thagard, a visiting assistant professor at FSU's engineering school. "We hope to help save lives and help save limbs. It's not feasible to believe we can protect everybody."

Thagard's team is experimenting with polymers toughened with carbon nanotubes (a tube structure made from carbon molecules) to strengthen fabrics used to make bulletproof armor. The developers bound multiple layers of fabric and plastic materials together to create the armor.

The school's researchers have begun making prototype pieces similar to pads worn by football and hockey players, which will be given to Armor Holdings to manufacture on a broad scale for field-test-



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ing. Armor Holdings already manufactures vests and other plates that soldiers wear to protect their torso.

The developers will first focus on armor protection for the upper arm and shoulder areas, where bleeding wounds can be fatal, then for the forearms and legs. The armor likely will be field-tested at military training facilities in the coming weeks to determine if it can be confortably worn and isn't too bulky for soldiers.

Thanks in part to bulletproof vests, the survival rate for soldiers injured in Iraq is the highest of any war in U.S. history.

But many of the injured troops have had their arms and legs blown off. And most deaths result from excessive bleeding. Thagard believes the new armor will help reduce those injuries and deaths.

"The reality is you can't protect everybody from everything," Thagard said. 'If we can reduce 15 percent or (even) 10 percent of the casualties, or protect these soldiers from losing their arms or losing their legs, that's huge."

Since the start of the war in Iraq, more

than 10,000 troops have been wounded and another 1,335 have been killed. Nearly 90 percent of the Americans wounded in Iraq survive, compared with 78 percent in the 1991 Persian Gulf War and 73 percent in Vietnam.

In Iraq, many injuries and deaths result from can bombs or improvised explosive devices, known as IEDs. There was far too devices, known as IEDs. There was far too too few armored vehicles to deal with what the Pentagon has acknowledged is a far stronger and longer insurgency than expected. The issue of inadequate protection for troops was highlighted recently when a U.S. soldier complained to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld in Kuwait that troops have to scrounge landfills for scrap metal and discarded bullet-resistant glass to provide armoff or their vehicles.

"This case has come up many times," Loria said. "I've seen where people didn't want to do missions because they didn't have proper equipment."

Armor Holdings, one of several companies that manufacturers protective equipment for the military, has provided an initial grant of \$100,000 to FSU to cover two months of research. The partnership is the latest area of high-tech, composite-materials research at the Florida Advanced Center for Composite Technologies.

Besides the new body armor, Thagard and other researchers have developed lightweight, custom leg supports for various uses. One brace, for example, helps Navy Seabee Anthony Muller of Jacksonville to walk after he sustained a severe leg wound in Iraq.

Ballistics tests show the combination of materials for the body armor being developed at Florida State exceed the new requirements for bulletproof vests and still fit comfortably over the body areas they're designed to protect.

The improved protection was something Loria could have used. He lost part of his left arm three inches above the wrist when hot metal fragments from the explosion ripped into the Hunvee he was driving.

"I couldn't tell my commanding officers I'm not going to do this mission because I don't have the proper equipment," Loria said. "It really doesn't matter. You still have to do it."



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Chief of the U.S. Central Command Gen. John Abizaid, right, meets Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf on Monday at President House in Islamabad, Pakistan. Abizaid is in Pakistan for talks with Musharraf and other senior officials on the situation in the region.

#### Abizaid talks with Musharraf in Pakistan

BY SADAQAT JAN
The Associated Press

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan
Gen. John Abizaid, the chief of
the U.S. Central Command, held
talks on Monday with Pakistan
President Gen. Pervez Musharraf
during a brief visit to discuss the
situation in the region, U.S. and
Pakistani officials said.

Abizaid is visiting Pakistan for regular consultations," U.S. Embassy spokesman Greg Crouch said. Abizaid arrived on Sunday from neighboring Affanistan, where he met with senior U.S. commanders and President Hamid Karzai, but made no public comment.

In the Pakistani capital, Islamabad, Abizaid met with Musharraf, a senior official in Musharraf's office said on condition of anonymity. He did not have details of the meeting.

In the talks, Musharraf said Pakiran and the United States have "excellent" relations and hoped that Abizaid's visit will strengthen them, the military-run Inter-Services Public Relations said in a statement after the meeting.

Abizaid also visited the headquarters of the Pakistan army in Rawalpindi, a city near Islamabad, and held talks with deputy chief of army Gen. Ahsan Saleem Hyat, it said.

Abizaid held discussions with Pakistani officials on "regional issues of mutual interest," said Crouch, the U.S. Embassy spokesman.

Abizaid's Florida-based Cen-

trai Command has responsibility for American military operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, other parts of the Persian Gulf and Central Asia, and the Horn of Africa.

Abizaid is a frequent visitor to Pakistan, a key ally in the U.S.-led war against terrorism, although he rarely makes public comments.

Thousands of American troops and allied forces are trying to hunt down Osama bin Laden, his al-Qaida associates and Taliban fugitives along the border between Pakistan and Afehanistan.

Pakistan has arrested hundreds of al-Qaida suspects since the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in America and has deployed thousands of troops to its tribal regions bordering Afghanistan to net foreign militants believed to be hiding there.

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# Photos from the Front



ABOVE Eric Graham, a technician for the Rapid Equipping Force at Kandahar airfield Afghanistan, drills holes on a hinge on a ground reconnaissance and monitoring camera, or GRAMCAM, which uses an infrared camera and monitor system to view the undercarriage of vehicles. Monica R. Garreau/U.S. Army

BELOW Capt. Dave Maxwell, company commander of Company B, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry Regiment, looks through magazines found during a raid on a house in a southern Baghdad neighborhood as one of the unit's interpreters stands by to translate the magazines. Jason Chudy/Stars and Stripes

TOP RIGHT Tech. Sgt. Daniel Hamilton, 455th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Ammunitions Unit, works at retracting the fins on a guided-bomb unit. Jennifer Lindsey/U.S. Air Force





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Cpl. Ben McGuire, left, and Sgt. William Henderson, of 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, patrol a stretch of road on the Hit-Hadithah Corridor.

#### Before Iraqi elections, U.S. troops face security challenge in Anbar

BY JOSEPH GIORDONO

Stars and Stripes

HADITHAH, Iraq — It is a stretch of barren, desert road that runs for about 60 miles between what would normally be two unremarkable Iraqi towns on the Euphrates River. But the Hit-Hadith ah Corridor, and the Marines assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit who patrol it, stand as a stark reminder of the challenges facing the U.S. mission.

The corridor runs through western Anbar province. It is littered with roadside bombs; local officials have balked at the push Fan. 30 elections; and the U.S. military and the insurgents have waged an ongoing war for the support of the local population.

"Things will be pretty interesting over the next few weeks," said Sgt. William Henderson, who leads a Mobile Assault Platoon in security patrols of the area.

"Some days they like us, some days they don't," said Staff Sgt. Thomas Watson, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, of the towns the Marines patrol. "The little kids still smile and wave, because they're expecting candy. The older the kids get, the less they smile at us. Reality is what it is."

With Iraq's national elections less than three weeks away, Marines on the ground say they have a sense that critical mass is approaching. While the U.S. mission in Iraq will not be made or broken by the elections, they said, it seems much of their effort is coming to a head.

Now, the soldiers and Marines around Iraq must meet their biggest challenge. Providing security for those willing to vote.

On Friday, President Bush told reporters in Washington that keeping the elections on course will be a daunting task for the U.S. military, especially in four of Iraq's 18 provinces.



Staff Sgt. Thomas Watson, of 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment, keeps lookout during a convoy from AI Asad to Hadithah. Many Marine units have vehicles that lack full armored protection.

One of those four is Anbar, which also includes the cities of Ramadi and Fallujah.

Attacks on U.S. troops currents

Attacks on U.S. troops currently average 70 a day and military officials expect attacks to increase to 85 a day as the election nears.

Marine commanders in Anbar have been given more physical assets to deal with.

Last week in a meeting that included the local Iraqi National Guard general, Lt. Col. Greg Stevens, 1st Battalion, 23rd Marine Regiment commander, pulled the general aside.

"When you get back to Hit, I've got a surprise for you," Stevens said in a stage whisper, smiling broadly. "Actually, four surprises. And they each weigh about 70 tons."

The surprises were Abrams

main battle tanks, an imposing presence both physically and psychologically. The Marines have deployed them in several areast throughout the Hit-Hadithah Corridor, Stevens said. Marines in the area have largely operated from Hunwees and trucks, in-

stead of heavy armor vehicles.

Vehicle armor remains an issue with some of the Marines patrolling the corridor, they said.

Some Marines patrol in "highbacks" — Humvees with open beds surrounded by high pieces of metal. Others escort convoys in Humvees with soft canvas tops, no windows and metal-panel doors that won't stay shut. Other units have fully armored

M1114 Humvees, the heaviest in the U.S. arsenal. Sometimes, though, they are given to personnel who rarely leave the wire.

nel who rarely leave the wire.
"I'm sure the pogues need
those," muttered Staff Sgt. Edwin
Morgenthaler, pulling out with a
convoy of lightly armored vehicles, using military slang for soldiers or Marines whose jobs keep
them on base.

But armor isn't everything.

On Saturday, Marines were talking about the seven soldiers killed near Baghdad by a massive roadside bomb detonated under their 25-ton Bradley fighting vehicle.

Soldiers and Marines have been remarkably open about voicing their concerns. They wonder frequently about whether people in their hometowns realize how cold it is in Iraq right now, how frequently they put themselves at risk or how many of their friends have been killed or wounded.

"Look, a lot of these guys should be back at college or taking their girl out to a movie," said one senior officer in a Marine Force Reserve battalion. "I don't know if the people back home really understand what they're doing on a day-to-day basis."

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# Anbar province electoral board resigns, hides

BY JACKIE SPINNER

The Washington Po

BAGHDAD — In another significant blow to Iraq's upcoming elections, the entire 13-member electoral commission in the volatile province of Ambar, west of the capital, resigned after being threatened by insurgents, a regional newspaper reported Sunday.

Saad Abdul-Aziz Rawi, the head of the commission, told the newspaper that it was "impossible to hold elections" in the Sunni-dominated province, where insurgent attacks have prevented voter registration. The restive cities of Falluiah and Ramadi

are located in the province.

"They are kidding themselves." Rawi said about officials hopeful that elections, set for Jan. 30, could take place in Anbar.

An Iraqi interviewed at the commission's office said the members had resigned and had gone into hiding.

Iraqi and U.S. officials have said Sunni participation in the election was necessary for the vote to be considered legitimate. The largest political party representing the Sunnis announced last month that it would drop out of the election, the country's first democratic election.

Insurgents have mounted a bloody campaign in the weeks leading up to the election, targeting election workers, political party leaders and other participants. The U.S. military has stepped up operations to stop the violence, but almost daily attacks continue to grip the country.

#### Britain to send 400 more troops to Iraq

LONDON — Britain will send another 400 troops to Iraq ahead of elections there, Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon said Monday. The soldiers from the 1st Battalion Royal Highland Fusiliers will be

sent from Cyprus to southeast Iraq, Hoon told lawmakers in the House of Commons.

The move will boost British troop levels in Iraq to about 9,000 — the

second-highest total in the coalition after the United States. Most are based in the south near the city of Basra. Hoon said the deployment was being made on the recommendation

Hoon said the deployment was being made on the recommendation of the British commanding officer on the ground and would be "for a limited period of time."

The Pentagon has swelled U.S. forces in Irao by 12.000 in an effort to

provide security for the coming elections, but that new deployment is expected to be temporary. Iraqis will yote Jan. 30 in landmark elections for a constitutional as-

rragis will vote Jan. 30 in landmark elections for a constitutional assembly. Many Sunni-dominated parts of the country have been torn by violence in the run-up to the ballot.

#### Army baby boom in Colorado

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Nine months after thousands of soliders returned home to Fort Grason from Iraq, Evans Army Community Hospital is swamped with mothers-to-be. The hospital had 102 births in December and arranged for an additional 49 Army babies to be deflivered at civilian hospitals in nearby Colorado Springs. This month, Evans expects 108 babies, up from 69 last January.

#### U.S. Marine who fought in Iraq faces deportation

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — A U.S. Marine who went to battle in Iraq after he served a sentence for adultery and sodomy is fighting a deportation order to his native Haiti.

Cpl. Philippe Louis-Jean, 25, was court-martialed in 2002 for having oral sex with a Marine sergeant's stepdaughter, who was a minor. He was demoted and sentenced to 45 days, but released early for good behavior, then sent to Iraq where his weapons company fought from Kuwait to Baghdad, where it secured Saddham Hussein's palace on April 10, 2003.

The night before, his armored personnel carrier was hit by three rocket-propelled grenades. Louis-Jean was not wounded but four Marines with him were.

He returned to his home base in Camp Pendleton, Calif., a month later, and was promoted to corporal.

But in March 2004, Homeland Security officers arrested Louis-Jean

under a 1996 anti-terrorist law designed to protect America from its enemies. Louis-Jean was not accused of terrorism. But the tough law transformed his military offense of adultery to a

deportable immigration crime of sexual abuse of a minor.

From The Associated Press

#### IN THE STATES

# More bad weather plagues California

BY MICHAEL R. BLOOD The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — More drenching rain fell Monday on Southern California, where a toddler drowned after being wrenched from her mother's grasp by a raging flood, a homeless man was killed by a landslide and a man was carried two miles down a swollen river before being rescued.

The wet, windy weather isn't expected to let up until Wednesday, with as much as 6 inches of rain forecast in the region through Tuesday and an additional 2 feet of snow at elevations above 7.500 feet.

"We're going to be getting more of the same, harsh weather," said Curt Kaplan, a National Weather Service forecaster.

The storm system was blamed for at least nine deaths during the weekend in Southern California. A 2-year-old girl died after slipping from her mother's grasp as rescuers were lifting them from the family's vehicle, which got stuck in a flooded wash Sunday night, said Los Angeles County sheriff's Lt. Don Ford. The woman had driven around barricades, Ford said. The child's body was found Monday.

Hundreds of accidents were reported Sunday on roads clogged by water, mud flows, fallen trees, and rockslides on Monday closed the Pacific Coast Highway near Big Sur, the California Highway Patrol said. And some Metrolink and Amtrak train service was canceled because of storm-related damage and mudslides.

In the Cerritos area, a man whose car skidded off Interstate 5 into a storm drain Sunday was swept two miles downstream, authorities said. Firefighters threw him a rope from a bridge and started pulling him up but he lost



Members of the Ventura County Swift Water Rescue team help a woman from her truck on Canada Larga Road in Ventura, Calif.

his grip and plunged back into the swift current. He was later pulled to safety on a bank. Two children in the car also were rescued.

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The National Weather Service
said downtown Los Angeles had
received 5.16 inches of rain since
Friday, including a record 2.58
inches on Sunday.

The same storm has been dumping heavy snow across the Sierra Nevada. Winter storm warnings were in effect with as much as 5 feet of new snow possible by Tuesday morning.

# 4 fired at CBS over discredited story on Bush military record

BY DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Four CBS News staffers were fired Monday following the release of an independent investigation that said a "myopic zeal" led to the airring of a discredited "60 Minutes Wednesday" story about President

day" story about President Bush's military service. The panel's 224-page report detailed dozens of missteps, includ-

tailed dozens of missteps, including the reliance on documents that were allegedly forged to a circle-the-wagons mentality that compounded the damage.

CBS fired Mary Mapes, producer of the Sept. 8 report; Josh Howard, executive producer of "60 Minutes Wednesday" and his top deputy Mary Murphy; and senior vice president Betsy West.

Dan Rather, who narrated the report, who narrated the report, was faulted for 'errors of credulity and overenthusiasm,' but was not disciplined by top CBS executive Leslie Moonves. Rather announced in November that he was stepping down as anchorman of the "CBS Evening News," but insisted the timing had nothing to do with the investigation.

CBS News President Andrew Heyward kept his job. The panel said Heyward had explicitly urged caution before the report

Moonves had appointed former Republican Attorney General Dick Thornburgh and Louis Boccardi, retired president and chief executive officer of The Associated Press, to investigate what went wrong and they delivered their report last week.

"These problems were caused primarily by a myopic zeal to be the first news organization to broadcast what was believed to be a new story about President Bush's Texas Air National Guard service, and the rigid and blind defense of the segment after it aired despite numerous indications of its shortcomings," the panelists concluded.

The report cited documents purported to be from one of Bush's commanders in the Texas Air National Guard. The documents say the commander, the late Lt. Col. Jerry Killian, ordered Bush to take a medical exam and the future president did not. Killian also reportedly felt pressured to sugarcoat an evaluation of then 1st Iz. Bush 1st Iz. Bush 1st Iz. Bush 2st Iz. Bush 2

Questions were quickly raised about the memo, with some document experts saying it appeared were written on a computer not invented at the time they were sup-

posedly written.

Although the panel said it couldn't prove conclusively the documents were forged, it said CBS News failed to authenticate them and falsely claimed an expert had done so when all he had done was authenticate one signa-

The panel said Mapes had misled her superiors about the documents and the background of her source, retired Texas National Guard Lt. Col. Bill Burkett.

CBS News executives relied too heavily on Mapes, who only months earlier had broken the story about the Abu Ghraib prison scandal and had been investigating Bush's National Guard service since 1999. Howard, who had begun supervising "60 Minutes Wednesday" in June, gave too much deference to her and Rather, the panel said.

Reached at her Dallas home Monday, Mapes said: "I haven't seen the report yet, so I won't be saying anything until I do."

Two days after the report, Heyward ordered West to review the opinions of document examiners and confidential sources who had supported the story — but no such investigation was done

such investigation was done.
"Had this directive been followed promptly, the panel does not believe that '60 Minutes Wednesday' would have publicly defended the segment for another 10 days," Boccardi and Thornburgh wrote.

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# Chlorine being removed from a damaged railcar

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Crews worked Monday to neutralize and remove chlorine gas still leaking from a railcar damaged in a train wreck that killed nine people last week and injured hundreds more.

A day after patching a breach in the car, crews mixed the toxic gas with sodium hydroxide to turn it into liquid bleach, making it safer to pump it out of the railcar, said Thom Berry, state Department of Health and Environmental Control spokesman. The gas killed nine people, including six workers at a nearby textile plant, and sickened more than 250 after the Norfolk Southern train slammed into parked railcars early Thursday.

Thousands of nearby residents were expected to remain evacuated until Wednesday at the earliest. Two other cars containing chlorine gas remain at the crash site but are not leaking, officials

They will be emptied before being moved, Berry said.

# **Justices refuse to hear** Fla. gay adoption case

BY GINA HOLLAND The Associated Press

The Su WASHINGTON . preme Court rejected an appeal Monday by four men who challenged Florida's ban on adoption by gay couples, avoiding another contentious fight over gay rights.

Florida is the only state with a blanket law prohibiting homosexuals from adopting children, but the high court was told that other states could now feel free to copy

Opponents argued that the Anita Bryant's anti-homosexual campaign, was irrational because it excluded potential parents for thousands of abandoned children.

Supporters contend the state has the power to promote tradi-tional father-mother families.

The high court's refusal to hear the case, made without comment avoids a second showdown over gay rights there in two years

Court decisions

rights ruling, barred states in 2003 from criminalizing gay sex. The court said then that states "cannot demean [gays'] existence or control their destiny by mak-ing their private sexual conduct a

The ruling set off a firestorm of criticism by conservative and religious groups. Three justices also complained that the court, generally known for its conservatism, had gone overboard in pandering to the "homosexual agenda."

The latest case involves gay foster parents in Florida who want to adopt children in their care.

The American Civil Liberties Union's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, representing the parents, argued that that the state unconstitutionally singles out gays, based on discrimination.

"The plain and well-understood purpose of the ban was to tell gay people to go back into the

closet," ACLU attorney Matthew Coles told justices in a filing. Florida Gov. Jeb Bush has maintained that the children,

often products of troubled and unstable backgrounds, should have a father and a mother.

"It is rational to believe that children need male and female in fluences to develop optimally, particularly in the areas of sevual and gender identity, and hetero-sexual role modeling," justices were told in a filing by Florida's

attorney, Casey Walker.
A three-judge panel of the 11th
U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in
Atlanta ruled against the men a year ago. In July, the full court de-clined on a 6-6 vote to reconsider

'The message to the other states is you can follow Florida's lead with policies that encourage kids to be placed with moms and dads," said Mathew Staver, president of the Liberty Counsel, a conservative, Orlando, Fla.-b law group.

ficials were wrong to keep Ralph Nader off the

presidential ballot last November ■ Let stand a lower ruling that Major League

■ Said it would not speed up a decision on whether to consider a challenge to President Bush's au-

dealer, Bob's Gun & Tackle Shop, over a federal agency's authority to demand information about



Vice President Dick Cheney speaks Sept. 17 during a Bush-Cheney '04 Town Hall Meeting in Oregon City, Ore. Some wonder whether Cheney

### Cheney's focus likely to change in 2nd term

BY EILEEN PUTMAN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Like the man behind the curtain working the levers in "The Wizard of Oz," Dick Cheney has been called the real power in President Bush's administration, perhaps the strongest vice president in U.S. histo-

But as Bush enters his second term, Cheney's role is in flux. His chief task in Bush's first ad-

ministration - mentoring a novice president with little foreign policy or legislative experience

— has been accomplished. He remains dogged by heart disease and an FBI probe of a subsidiary of Halliburton, the company he

Indeed, some wonder whether Cheney, with no ambition to succeed his boss in the White House, will serve out his second term And while he has redefined a job that traditionally involved attending ceremonial and campaign events or undertaking thankless policy assignments, there is speculation Cheney's influence is wan-

"He was so influential that it was almost insulting to call him vice president," said Paul Light, professor of public service at New York University. "He was a men-tor, chair of the Cabinet, legitimizer. Rasputin - vou name it - all rolled into one

Those roles have been chipped away over time.

Still, Cheney is likely to remain the administration point man on several fronts. As Bush turns in his second

term to forging his presidency's legacy, he is expected to use Chenev to push his domestic agenda — overhauling Social Security and the tax code - in Congress where Cheney served for 10 years as a Wyoming congressman and where he still enjoys strong influence among House

conservatives. With Republicans seeking to keep the White House in 2008, Cheney will likely be involved be-hind the scenes in promoting a candidate Bush can endorse as successor.

"One of the great gifts Cheney bestows upon Bush is he doesn't have any aspirations of being president," said Mike Franc, vice president for government relations at the conservative Heritage Foundation. With Al Gore, Presi dent Clinton's vice president, Franc said, "There was always a background tension because Gore himself harbored the presidential aspiration

Franc conceded that early in his first term Bush, 58, "was de-ferring quite a bit" to Cheney, 63. But he said the two men have "a great partnership" and trust that will only be "deeper and fuller" in Bush's second term.

He dismissed speculation that FBI investigation into whether a Halliburton subsidiary improperly received lucrative federal government contracts for work in Iraq without competitive bidding a serious distraction that could put pressure on Cheney to step down or render him ineffec-

Similarly, it's not clear that Chenev's health problems could shorten his time in office. In 2001. he had an implantable defibrillator inserted in his chest. The device is designed to activate automatically if needed to regulate his heartbeat. Cheney also takes medication to lower his cholesterol and has said he is exercising and eating more healthily.

John Nichols, author of the book, "Dick: The Man Who is President," said in an interview that Cheney may well "take a lesser role in the spotlight" as the political ambitions of Republican presidential aspirants emerge.

"Cheney is somewhat disempowered because there will be people moving to make a name within the administration and in e periphery of it," Nichols said. "He may even step back and allow someone else to have a definitional role."

But, he added, "My prediction is that Dick Cheney will remain in the second term the most powerful vice president in American history by quietly peopling" the administration "with folks he's familiar with and who are ideologi-cal and personal allies."

#### Traficant's challenge to his bribery and racketeering conviction.

Let stand a lower court ruling that allowed Missouri's Ku Klux Klan chapter into the state highway litter cleanup program. The state had not wished to partner with the group because it discriminates based on race.

In developments Monday at the Supreme Court,

■ Declined to consider dismissing a lawsuit seek-

ing to hold gun manufacturers responsible for the

1999 shooting of a letter carrier by a white suprem-

Refused to consider former Rep. James A

■ Declined to consider the proper standards for allowing individuals to file class-action lawsuits

against corporations, in a case accusing six health maintenance organizations of fraud.

Declined to consider whether Pennsylvania of-

Baseball did not have to rehire 10 umpires who were still out of work following a 1999 mass resig-

thority to name William Pryor to a federal appeals court while the Senate was on a holiday break.

Rejected an appeal from a Norfolk, Va., gun

transactions involving used firearms.

- The Associated Press

### Kin of woman charged in stealing newborn say they warned of lies

The Associatedd Press

KANSAS CITY, Missouri Members of Lisa Montgomery's family say they tried to warn peonle that the woman was making up stories about being pregnant, and their concerns increased after they learned in November that she had purchased a kit for home hirths Montgomery, 36, of Melvern,

Kansas, is accused of strangling a pregnant Missouri woman Dec. 16 and cutting her 8-month-old fetus from her body. The baby was found the next day in Melvern after Montgomery and her husband spent the morning showing the newborn off around town as their own

Montgomery's mother, Judy Shaughnessy, told The Kansas City Star she knew something was wrong when she began receiving congratulations about being a grandmother again.

"I just said, 'Yeah, right, she either stole it or bought it," Shaughnessy told the newspaper for a story in Sunday's editions.

Montgomery had been incapable of having children since undergoing tubal ligation surgery in 1990, her family said. But Shaughnessy said her daughter was able to fool her husband, his parents and their community.

"I tried to tell them and tell them, but nobody listened," Shaughnessy said.

Montgomery's two half sisters, Patty Hedberg and Jerri Kleiner, said they also tried to warn Montgomery's in-laws that she had faked at least five pregnancies

The sisters and their mother said they found out in November that Montgomery had purchased the kind of birth kit used by midwives to deliver babies. Kleiner said she started to worry that her sister would do something drastic to get a baby.

Starting in the late 1980s, Montgomery had four children in a little more than three years. She had her tubes tied after the fourth was born in 1990, but in 1994 she told her first husband. Carl Roman that she was pregnant Her half sisters said that after

she met her second husband. Kevin Montgomery, in 1999, she told him twice that she was pregnant. The first time, he gave her money for an abortion, they said. During a 2003 custody battle

for her brother's newborn child after he was nut in jail on drug charges, Montgomery testified at hearings that she was pregnant then, too. She later testified that she miscarried and donated the fetus to science, relatives said.

Then Montgomery announced last summer that she was again pregnant.

"All her lies were catching un with her." Shaughnessy said.

"I think the desperation got to

Shaughnessy said that last year she had looked into having her daughter committed to a psychiatric institution but was told that probably wouldn't happen unless Montgomery harmed herself or someone else.

#### Miss. library bans John Stewart book

GULFPORT, Miss. - Library officials in two southern Mississip pi counties have banned Jon Stewart's best-selling "America (The Book)" over the satirical textbook's nude depictions of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices.

"I've been a librarian for 40 years and this is the only book I've objected to so strongly that I wouldn't allow it to circulate," said Robert Willits, director of the Jackson-George Regional Library System of eight libraries in Jackson and George counties.

Wal-Mart has declined to stock the book because of the page, which features the faces of the nine Supreme Court justices superimposed over naked bodies. The facing page has cutouts of the justices' robes, complete with a caption asking readers to "restore their dignity by matching each justice with his or her respective

The book by Stewart and the writers of "The Daily Show," the Comedy Central cable television network's fake-news program he hosts, was released in Sentember.

#### Julia Roberts buys N.M. land from Rumsfeld

NEW YORK - With newly born twins, it looks like Julia Roberts

needs some extra space.

The actress has bought 32 acres of Taos, N.M., real estate from Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, People magazine reports According to the magazine, since taking up part-time residence in New Mexico in 1995, Roberts has bought other pieces of property adjacent to hers. The plot purchased from Rumsfeld in an area of Taos known as Des Montes neighbors the 80 acres Roberts already

Messages left at the Taos Country Clerk's home and with Julia Roberts' publicist by The Associated Press seeking confirmation were not immediately returned.

Roberts, 37, and her husband Danny Moder, 35, just weeks ago became parents of twins, Hazel Patricia and Phinnaeus Walter Moder. The couple were married at her Taos home in 2002.

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Marcia Cross. center, and cast members of "Desperate Housewives." celebrate winning the favorite new TV drama category at the 31st Annual People's Choice Awards on Sunday in Pasadena.

# The people choose controversy

#### 'The Passion of the Christ' and 'Fahrenheit 9/11' recognized at 31st Annual People's Choice Awards

The Associated Press

PASADENA Calif - Filmmak ers Michael Moore and Mel Gibson were all smiles after they won top honors at the 31st Annual People's Choice Awards.

Both men had controversial films that fared well at the box office last year. Moore's film "Fahrenheit 9/11." which took a critical look at President Rush's actions after the 2001 terror attacks, won the favorite movie award, while Mel Gibson's explicit "The Passion of the Christ" won in the favorite drama category.

Moore dedicated Sunday's win to the U.S. troops fighting overand

said he was "amazed" voted vorite.

Gibson echoed Moore's appreci-

Gibson

swept a number of categories, being named favorite comedy, favorite sequel and favorite animat-

The character of Donkey in "Shrek 2," voiced by Eddie Mur-

phy, was named favorite animat-

ed movie star, while The Fairy Godmother, voiced by Jennifer Saunders, won in the favorite

Julia Roberts and Johnny Depp

won for favorite female and male movie star. Matt LeBlanc and

Marg Helgenberger won for fa-

vorite male and female TV stars.

"Will & Grace," won for favorite TV comedy. "CSI: Crime

Scene Investigation" was named

After votes cast via the Internet

during the first hour of the live

favorite TV drama

movie villain category. Perennial favorites took many of the top awards, including many of this year's new categories

ation, saying the award "means a

lot more to me this time than any.

enheit 9/11s," Moore said.

thing before 'I depend

ed on you and you were there," Gibson said. "If it wasn't for you guys, we would been

dead in the water. The ani mated

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that people The People's Choice Awards, hosted by Jason Alexander and film their fa-Malcolm-Jamal Warner, were presented at the Pasadena Civic love

Auditorium and broadcast live on making mov-CBS. The awards covered 38 film, ies and I'll television and music categories. take this as including a number of new ones. an invitation to make more 'Fahr-

drama.

The nominations were determined by editors at Entertainment Weekly, the People's Choice production team and a panel of pop culture fans. Winners were determined by Internet voting

telecast were counted, "Joey"

was named favorite new TV come-dy, while "Desperate House-

wives" won for favorite new TV

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Male television star: Matt LeBlanc

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24/7: "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica"
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Crest fans favorite smile: Julia Roberts Pantene fans favorite hair: Jennifer Garner Cover Girl fans favorite look: Kate Hudson

Female singer: Alicia Keys Favorite remake: "The First Cut is the Deep-ist" by Sheryl Crow Favorite combined forces: "Yeah" by Usher/Lil Jon/Ludacris

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#### IN THE WORLD

#### Two injured when Navy helicopter crashes during tsunami aid mission

BY PETER DEJONG The Associated Pres-

BANDA ACEH Indonesia -A U.S. helicopter on a relief mis-sion crashed in a rice paddy near the Banda Aceh airport Monday, injuring two servicemen. Schools reopened in Indonesia and Sri Lanka for the first time since the Dec. 26 tsunami, but with so many children among the more than 150,000 victims, the scene was far from normal.

Workers, meanwhile, struggled to recover 50,000 bodies the Indonesian government said were "scattered" throughout the region.

Washington. President Bush said the United States "is committed today and we will be committed tomorrow" to victims of the Indian Ocean tsunami, but did not promise to increase U.S. aid to the region. "We'll see," Bush said after re-

ceiving a report on the destruc-tion from Secretary of State Colin Powell, just back from a tour of Indonesia, Thailand and Sri Lanka. "The dollars are demand-driven." the president said

In Indonesia, the U.S. military said the Seahawk helicopter "executed a hard landing" and there was no evidence it was shot down 500 yards from the airport in Banda Aceh, capital of Indonesia's hard-hit Aceh province and the hub of international aid operations. Lt. Cmdr. John M. Daniels blamed the crash on a 'possible mechanical failure."



Rescuers try to carry injured crewmembers from a crashed heliconter on Monday in Banda Aceh, capital of Indonesia's Aceh province.

He said one person fractured an ankle and the other dislocated his hip. Eight others aboard suffered "no significant injuries,"

"There was no fireball but a little smoke. It landed on its side: said Capt. Joe Plenzler, adding that the helicopter's propeller was twisted from the impact. Fifteen Seahawk helicopters from the Lincoln group have been flying up to nine hours a day on aid missions. Normally they fly a maximum of three to four hours

The crash came amid heightened security concerns in several tsunami-hit areas with ethnic re-particularly Aceh.

where rebels have waged a separatist war in the province for nearthree decades. United Nations staff in Aceh are on high alert, and armed guards patrol their comunds amid fears of rebel at-

U.S. Marines came ashore at the devastated Indonesian fishing town of Meulaboh, riding a high tech hovercraft that carried tons od, water and a forklift. Only about 10 Marines landed due to concerns by the Indonesian gov ernment about security and that the troops would be too much for the local infrastructure to handle.

Nearly 2,000 Marines are now afloat off the Meulaboh coastline in two amphibious assault ships diverted from duty in Iraq.

known as Abu Mazen celebrates Sunday in the West Bank city of Ramallah after exit polls showed him as winner in the presidential elections. Abbas was elected by a wide margin Sunday, winning a decisive mandate to rener peace talks with Israel, rein in militants and try to end more than four years of Mideast

Abbas, also



# **Abbas claims** decisive victory

The Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank Mahmoud Abbas was elected Palestinian Authority president by a landslide, results showed Monday, giving the pragmatist a mante to resume peace talks with Israel - but also leaving him with the tough task of reining in powerful armed groups.

Abbas said Monday that the

Palestinians are "ready for peace" with Israel.

"We extend our hands to our neighbors," he said. "We are ready for peace, peace based on justice. We hope that their re-sponse will be positive."

Israeli leaders welcomed Abbas' victory, but said they will watch closely how hard he tries to subdue militants. Abbas could easily lose his political capital over a major bombing or shooting attack, and while most militan groups signaled they are willing to give him a chance, not all have signed on to a truce with Israel Still, Abbas' victory in Sunchaotic and corruption-riddled rule by Yasser Arafat, who died Nov. 11. Abbas, who has spoken out against violence and has the support of the international community, promises to reform the government and the unwieldy security services. Many Palestinians had high ex-

a new era after four decades of

pectations of Abbas, widely

Abbas won 62.3 percent of the vote, according to final results announced by Hanna Nasser, head of the Central Election Commis

His main challenger, indepen-dent Mustafa Barghouti, won 19.8 percent, while the remaining five candidates scored in the lower single digits. About 3.8 percent of the ballots were deemed invalid, and 3.2 percent were blank, Nasser told a news conference. Nasser declined to give a turn-

out figure, citing confusion over use of outdated residency records.

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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

#### Caution when using credit

NEW YORK - Here are some tips to prevent thieves and scam artists from accessing your cred-

- it card information online: ■ Buy through secure Web sites. When you buy something online or try to sign in to view your credit or bank accounts, your browser frame should have a small lock symbol near the bottom right-hand corner.
- This means the site scrambles your purchase information before sending it over the Internet. The Federal Trade Commission reports, however, that such security symbols can be faked, so be sure to practice other safe buying habits as well. No lock? Make the order via phone instead.
- Use complex passwords for online accounts. Your best bet is a combination of letters and numbers, advises SecurityStats com a Web site that collects statistics on Internet security. Avoid using as a password any personal information, such as your name, birth date, address, telephone number and so on. Chances are, if a thief has come

- across your credit card number, he or she may have other basic information about you as well.
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big-ticket item, choose a reputa-

ble escrow service.

#### U.S. Embassy in Kuwait warns of possible attacks

KUWAIT CITY - The U.S. Embassy in Kuwait warned citizens Monday that an individual or group of people are driving around the small country with the intent of attacking Westerners.

"The Embassy is issuing this urgent message because it has re-ceived credible information that an individual or individuals moving about Kuwait in a black-colored small sedan intend to randomly attack esterners," said the warning message on the embassy's Web site. It advised Americans who saw suspicious vehicles matching the de Westerners

scription to quickly leave the area and contact the police with details.

"The Embassy reminds all U.S. citizens to exercise caution, maintain a low profile, and avoid areas where Westerners are known to congregate," the message said, warning of the continued potential for terrorist acts against Americans. Late last year the embassy also had warned Americans of possible attacks against them. Around Christmas, the U.S. State Department said it had information that terrorist groups were developing plans for possible attacks in this small Gulf state, which is a major ally of Washington.

The Associated Press

# Italian smokers adjusting to strict ban

The Associated Press

ROME - Italian office workers were taking their smoking breaks on the street Monday after a strict law that bans smoking in bars, restaurants, offices and other public spaces came into force

Minutes after the law went into effect after midnight Sunday, a young man was fined for smoking in a bar in Naples, TV stations showed. The new law bans smoking in indoor spaces unless they have a separate smoking area with continuous floor-to-ceiling walls and a ventilation system, and is one of the most severe anti-smoking measures in Europe

Among those fuming at the legislation are bar and restaurant owners who say the new rules will deter customers and that they don't have the time or money to create sealed-off smoking areas. They have also protested a provision requiring them to report on customers who flout the law, saying it is not their job to act as "sheriffs."

Some smokers claim that the new rules curb individual rights

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In Milan, an organization called "Polite Smokers"

cigarette" to protest the law as it came into force

Others showed their support for the new law by urning piles of cigarettes in the street. However, some have raised concerns about wheth-

er the law will be applied. In Rome, consumer group Codacons announced a lunchtime blitz of restaurants to check that the new rules were being enforced In a bar in central Rome, waitress Giorgia Pas-

qualetti complained about having to step onto the street whenever she wanted a smoke

"Now when I take a break I risk catching a cold every time." she said. "We do not have the space to create a separate smoking room, so the only way to enjoy a cigarette is outside

Smokers ignoring the ban face fines of up to \$363. while owners of premises risk penalties as high as \$2,904

Health Minister Girolamo Sirchia, a reformed smoker, warned that "the police are not joking, they

can enter anywhere, including private offices."

However, in the first two months officials would focus on prevention and education, he told newspaper Corrière della Sera, with no sanctions "except in extreme cases

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A woman lights a cigarette Sunday in a bar Rome downtown. On Monday, Italy enacted a law barring smoking in most public spaces.

#### Holiday highway deaths

MADRID, Spain — Highway traffic accidents killed 139 people over the Christmas and New Year holiday period in Spain, a number considerably lower than last year, the national traffic department

said Monday The fatalities occurred in 111

accidents between 3 p.m. on Dec. 23 and the end of Sunday, the department said. The figures represented a 28 percent drop on the death toll for the Christmas period in 2003, which saw 195 people die in highway accidents.

have Traffic authorities stepped up campaigns to discourage people from driving over the speed limit or under the influence of alcohol

#### China market replaced

BEIJING - China said Monday that rampant piracy spelled doom for Beijing's famous Silk Street, an outdoor strip destroyed last week, and only legitimate wares will be sold at the New Silk Street market

The 20-year-old pedestrian shopping street - known for its spirited haggling and imitation brand-name goods — was among Beijing's most popular tourist destinations. It was bulldozed Thurs-

day.
"The old market was ... a source of intellectual property rights abuses, which the central government has pledged to treat with greater efforts," the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing Yin Xiaobo, a senior official with the Chaoyang District govern-ment of Beijing.

#### Fall kills hang glider

SYDNEY, Australia - A Norwegian hang glider plummeted 50 feet to his death at a competition in Australia, an event official said Monday.

The 38 year old man, participating in the World Championships in Hay, about 500 miles south-west of Sydney, had trouble during take off on Sunday and fell sharply to the ground at high speed, organizers said.

He suffered massive head injuries and died at the scene, said Chris Fogg, a spokesman for the Hang Gliding Federation of Australia. He declined to disclose the man's identity.

possible tragedy In another linked to hang gliding, police said a Czech man who was to participate in an earlier contest had one missing in the Australian Outback.

The missing Czech man, Lubos Gencur, 42, was to participate in another, earlier hang gliding competition

Gencur flew into the Northern Territory city of Alice Springs on Dec. 18 but has not been seen since the day after he arrived, nolice spokeswoman Theresa Kuilboer said.

#### 57 die in bus crash

BANGALORE, India - A bus driver apparently lost control of his vehicle and it plunged into a canal killing 57 people in southern India on Monday, police said.

Nine people were rescued near Nalagundi, a village about 300 miles northwest of Bangalore, the canital of Karnataka state said S.K. Singh, superintendent of police

Police were investigating the cause of the accident, but S.N. Borkar, the state police chief, said the driver apparently lost control of the vehicle

#### Rebel clashes kill 21

MANILA, Philippines least 21 combatants died Monday in clashes between renegade Muslim rebels and government troops in the southern Philippines, but an 18-month-old cease-fire re-

mains intact, officials said.

Malaysia, Brunei and Libya have some 60 cease-fire monitors in the southern Philippines who, together with government and rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front representatives, were trying to reach the scene of the fighting, guerrilla spokesman Eid Ka-balu said.

The clashes erupted when 60 to 100 MILF guerrillas attacked an army detachment in Mamasanano, a town in Maguindanao province about 550 miles south of Manila, military spokesman Lt. Col. Buenaventura Pascual said.

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#### Retired officers shouldn't lobby

We've come a long way since George Marshall didn't feel that it was appropriate for an officer to become politically involved by

voting. Now we have retired flag officers flacking for politicians and grouping together to take part in issue discussions that are only remotely related to the armed forces

The recent article about retired Gen. John Shalikashvili and others sending a letter challenging the fitness of a nominee for attorney general of the United States ("Vets" groups speak against Bush nominating Gonzales," Jan. 6) has really caused me to question if we have gone too far.

Anyone has a right to express his or her opinion, including Shalikashvili and retired Air Force Gen. Merrill "Tony" McPeak, but when they wear their stars and purport to speak for the military, I think that they have gone too far

Our country is not well-served by an organized military lobby intervening in political affairs

Army Col. Peter G. Drower (Ret.) New City, N.Y.

#### Protective measures boosted

I am a tank company executive officer. I have seen many news stories and in-depth reporting about the lack of vehicle and body armor

Beginning in Operation Iraqi Freedom II. no one deployed without the new interceptor body armor and small-arms protection inserts. There were people in OIF who did not have these and had to wear the standard Army-issue flak vest which does not nrovide the ballistic protection that the interceptor body armor provides. The stan-

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dard-issue flak vest is not good for ballistic protection, but it does provide some degree of protection from shrapnel.

However, vehicle armor is another story Upon arrival in Kuwait some vehicles were armored and some were not. The vehicles that were not still had to be driven and were fortified in any way possible through the use of sandbags and Keylar blankets.

Upon arrival in our combat sector, we were told that we were going to receive eight up-armored Humvees. This did not happen, as only four were received. The point is not the lack of armor, it is the use of armor. I am in an armor battalion that has many tank and Humvee missions. We have implemented procedures that have maximized the effect of the armor and to this day have survived car bombs and roadside bombs with few casualties and no deaths.

The armor on vehicles has been sufficient:

it depends upon how it is used.

Armor is not the final answer to protecting the force. Policies such as chin defilade for Humvee gunners, ballistic eye protec tion, and proper use of all pieces of body and vehicle armor are essential. At the time the war started, measures to protect the force were not sufficient; these shortages were identified and are in the process of being corrected. Many of the changes that are necessary are due to a different type of war that we are fighting and winning. These shortages were quickly identified and are being fixed thanks to the taxpayers, our elected officials, and a Department of Defense that cares about its soldiers. Capt. M. Andrew Koontz

Forward Operating Base Warhorse, Iraq

#### Proud to serve with military

There are many retired military and civilian Department of Defense workers in many different positions overseas. Some are returning to the war front and supporting the military.

We have made big sacrifices in leaving our families behind and Stripes editors should have a place in the paper to honor those who are serving again after retire ment and also to honor some of our civilian partners.

I am stationed at Camp Bondsteel in Kosovo with the Army and Air Force Exchange Service. I'm not here for the money; I'm here because I got a second chance to be with the men and women in the military, to be side by side with them in the war front. and to make them feel safe and at home.

The only thing I wanted to say to the troops is: You are not alone; we are here with you.

Nelson Delgado Camp Bondsteel, Kosovo

## EU puts Cubans' needs below its own

e European Union's Council for Latin America wants the EU to suspend sanctions imposed against Cuba after the communist island's 2003 crackdown on dissi-

dents. So Cuba plays Myriam Marquez nicev-nice and resumes diplomatic relations with eight European countries And once again Cuba's people lose any hope for real

change. No surprise.

Those are nations that long have excused Cuba's half-century rule by one man as "growing pains." France, Italy, Germa-

ny, Britain, Austria, Greece, Portugal and Sweden are Cuba's diplomatic pals again.

Spain, which is clamoring for the EU to restore full diplomatic relations with Cuba.

They follow the socialist government of

Of course, trade and tourism have continued during the almost two years of strained diplomatic relations between the EU and Cuba. That's the problem Cuba's democracy-lovers face. There is no international will to press Fidel Castro's regime toward change. No universal approach, like there was during South Africa's apartheid when the world's largest democracies agreed to

Cuba has its own anartheid, and it's as much based on race as it is adherence to the Communist Party line. You can count the number of blacks in power there on a few fingers in an island where blacks and mixed-race Cubans dominate. But, hey, as long as Europe can get Cuban rum and cigars, and a few prostitutes for its tourists, why worry? Be happy.

use economic sanctions to force change

Cuba released a few prisoners of conscience last month, expecting a quid pro using imprisoned dissidents as currency. In a few weeks the EU will consider its

council's proposal, which recommends that

EU embassies stop inviting Cuban dissidents to national holiday celebrations for six months. To be "fair" the EU wouldn't invite Cuban officials to those events either.

Had Cuba released all its dissidents, maybe the EU's course would be warranted. But. as usual. Cuba only released a few high-profile dissidents while several hundred others remain behind bars

Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque maintains that Cuba's dissidents are nothing more than "mercenaries, paid and controlled by the government of the United States." The EU would make such an outlandish accusation even more plausible by locking out dissidents from its embassies.

Europe likes to lecture the rest of the world, particularly the United States, on human rights. What hypocrisy. With the ex-ception of a few EU nations, such as the Czech Republic that endured decades of Soviet oppression, European leaders continue to wink at Cuba's oppression. Shameful.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

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#### **OPINION**

### Chisholm raised her hand and raised the bar

WASHINGTON

lot of us who remember
her owe a debt to the late
Shirley Chisholm. She
taught us how to stick to
principles, even when our friends
think we're a pain in the neck.
As warm praise deservedly ac-

. . .



companies
the condolences for
Mrs. Chisholm, who
died Jan. 1 in
Florida at
age 80, I remember a
time when
the first
black woman
to be elected
to Congress

and the first

to wage a major presidential campaign was not greeted as warmly as today's tributes sound

Coming from some lips, the glowing praise for her "courage," her "individualism," her "tenacity" and her "relentless activism," sounds like a nice way of saying that she could be, well, a pain in the neck.

the neck.

And she prided herself on making herself a pain in the neck, even to her allies, if they tried to make her sit on the sidelines and wait her turn like a nice little lady, as many tried to do. People called her crazy, but only at first. She had a habit of getting what she wanted

or, at least, making the path easier for those who would come later. As Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., who knew her well, recalled, "For her to succeed, she had to be a little strange — and certainly extraordi-

Indeed, Harlem's black political club bosses, such as Adam Clayton Powell, Bassi Patterson, Percy Sutton and Rangel, didn't know what to make of this former day-care center director and educational consultant who got herself elected to the New York State Assembly from Brooklyn's tough political machine.

She took her slogan, "Unbought and Unbosed," the title of her 1970 autobiography, so seriously that her fellow Democrats were not always sure of what to do with her. When she fooled detractors by getting elected to Congress four years later, the white Democratic bosses in Congress didn't seem to know what to do with her either.

Incredibly, the woman from Brooklyn was assigned to the House Agriculture Committee. When she protested, House Speaker John McCormack told her to be a good soldier," she recalled later. Instead, she waged a parliamentary battle with the leadership and was switched to the Veterans was reassigned to the Education and Labor Committee that she wanted.

Seizing the times in which she

lived, Chisholm built a national constituency of her own as an outspoken, iconic advocate for women, minorities, the poor and the anti-war movement.

She was elected to Congress in a time of urban riots, antiwar protests and President Lyndon B. Johnson's "war on poverty." It was the same year that Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert F. Kennedy were assassinated. It was a year after Gary's Richard Hatcher in Indiana and Cleveland's Carl Stockes or on of major cities. It was two years after the National Organization for Women was founded.

Buoyed by her national fame, Chisholm in 1972 launched the first large-scale presidential campaign by a black candidate in either major party. Once again displaying her eccentric independence, she did it without consulting her fellow members of the still-young Compressional Black Caucus

By the time I would cover Chishom as a young reporter in Chicago, she had simultaneously galvanized a national movement for herself but failed to win the endorsement of the 3,000 delegates to that year's historic National Black Political Convention in Gary. Many black leaders opposed her campaign as a solo flight, "reactic tisholin in 1982 without her endorsement.

Indeed, while major black and feminist leaders showed solidarity



Chisholm takes her oath of office to beco a Democratic member of the House of Representatives from New York on Jan. 3, 1969. in Washington. Administering the oath in this re-enactment of the swearing-in ceremony for Chisholm, the first black woman to serve in the House. is Sneaker John McCormack. D-Mass.

with her in public, I also heard muted complaints that Chisholm was not conferring, coordinating or building an organizational base from which others could operate after her largely symbolic campaign was done.

"The next time a woman runs," she wrote in her 1973 autobiography, "The Good Fight," "or a black, a Jew or anyone from a group that the country is 'not ready' to elect to its highest office, I believe he or she will be taken seriously from the start. The door is not open yet, but it is ajar." Indeed, when other women like

Indeed, when other women like Geraldine Ferraro or Elizabeth Dole or blacks like Jesse Jackson or Colin Powell are discussed as presidential hopefuls, the name of Shirley Chisholm inevitably appears, too. She didn't make it anywhere near the White House, but she helped to prepare the way for someone who will.

Clarence Page is a Chicago Tribune

## Hollywood likes a war story shot from one angle

BY MAX BOOT

uring World War II, Frank Capra made a series of films called "Why We Fight" to rally Americans behind the war effort. Imagine a filmmaker doing that today. Actually, it's impossible to imagine.

Hollywood either prefers to stay away from the war on terrorism altogether (the film version of Tom Clancy's "The Sum of All Fears" changed the villains from Islamist extremists to neo-Nazis) or to use it, even in its pre-9/11 form, as a morality play to warn against lost civil liberties (see "The Siege," starring Denzel Washington).

The film community — whose sensibilities are routinely outraged by the treatment of snail darters or swamps (aka wetlands) — can't even work up much excitement about a Dutch filmmaker petting slaughtered, allegedly by a Muslim finantic. Where were the rallies and memorials to protest Theo van Gogh's murder? The lack of outrage should be no surprise because the most successful movie made about the war on terrorism might as well have been titled "Why We Should'ht "Fight." Trefer, of course, to "Fahrenheit 911." which smarmily insimused that the Bush administration posed a bigger threat to the world than Osama bin Laden or Saddam Hussein ever did.

Some conservatives have produced their own documentaries in reply to Michael Moore's grotesque mendacity, but the best answer comes from two honest, nonpartisan films that depict different aspects of the current struggle. If you want to know why we fight, check out the movie "Osama" and the documentary "Voices of Iraq." "Osama", the first film made in liberated

Afghanistan, opens with a scene of Taliban enforcers breaking up a demonstration by burka-clad women upset about their inabili-

ty to work. The action then shifts to a hospital that is being closed, throwing a female doctor out of work.

Without a male wage earner in the family
— both her husband and brother have been
killed — starvation looms. So she cuts her
12-year-old daughter's hair and sends her
out to work disguised as a boy called Osama.

Director and writer Siddiq Barmak's understated style convincingly conveys the horror of daily life under the Taliban. Marina Golbahari, a street urchin whose father was arrested by the Taliban in real life, invests the title role with an authenticity that no mere actress could hope to match.

Ultimately, Osama's masquerade unravels, and she faces a gruesome punishment from an Islamic court. The ending, which I won't give away, is enough to make anyone shudder — and give thanks that U.S. troops have toopled the Taliban. Yet I don't recall a

single Hollywood feminist expressing gratitude to the U.S. military or its commander in chief for the liberation of Afghan women. No doubt Streisand, Sarandon & Co. were too busy inveighing John Ashcroft.

"Voices of Iraq" is one of the most gripping documentaries I have ever seen. Most of the footage was created by distributing 150 digital camcorders to let ordinary Iraqis record their own lives and thoughts from April to September 2004.

Agrinty september 200 American newspaper beadline — "Fear of Militas Perces Ordinary Iraqis to Stay Home" — is ironically juxtaposed over a bustling street scene. As the movie moves along, we see proud university graduates in mortarboards, boys clowning around, and everyone riveted by the exploits of the Iraqis occer team at the Olympias. In other words, we see that the term of the ordinary of t

While "Fahrenheit 9/11" presents antebellum Iraq as an idyllic place where children cavorted with kites, "Voices of Iraq" shows the grim reality: Saddam's henchmen throwing bound prisoners off buildings, raping girls, massacring Kurds...

A few Iraqis say that, given current violence, they'd prefer to go back to the days of Saddamite stability, but most are enthralled by their newfound freedom. "Now," one woman says, "there is opportunity for hope."

Producers Eric Mannes, Archie Drury and Martin Kumert deserve an Oscar for this eye-opening documentary. But they're not likely to get it, because that would require Hollywood to acknowledge there's more to the occupation of Iraq than the evil designs of Halliburton and the neoconservatives.

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#### Mallard Fillmore

GEE.... XOU HINK
YOU KNOW SOMEBODY,
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LIKE THIS COMES
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BY BRUCE TINSLEY



# A riveting tale On the QT

#### Museum tells story of seat-of-the-pants pioneer Levi Strauss



A statue of the "saddle man." a longtime symbol for Levi's, stands the Levi Strauss Museum in Buttenheim, Germany,



PETER JAEGER/Stars and Stripes

BY RICK EMERT

ne of the iconic symbols of Americana is enshrined in a museum in a small town in Bayaria. The Levi Strauss Museum in Buttenheim, Germany, tells the story of the creation of Levi's jeans and the life of Strauss, who was born Loeb Strauss in the small town on Feb. 26, 1829.

The exhibit can be viewed with the aid of a hand-held audio device that can be set to several languages, including English. It talks about Strauss' life in Germany, his emigration to the United States and how his name became linked to a popular pair of pants.

The museum, in Strauss' renovated childhood home, looks much like any other building on the town's main street, save for its blue-and-white paint and a large sign in front of it.

Built in the 1790s, it was home to several generations of the Strauss family, whose ancestry has been traced to 1450. Loeb, who changed his name to Levi to sound more American after emigrating to the States, was one of five children, although only a sister and he shared the same mother

When his father, Hirsch, died in the mid-1840s, the family moved in with an uncle. When the uncle died just a few months later, the survivors applied for passports and approval to emigrate to the United States, where Levi's halfbrothers lived.

The Strausses were allowed to take only luggage, and had to sell most of their belongings. A 13week voyage from Bremerhaven ended in New York, where Levi. then 16, helped run a dry goods store before moving to California

In 1853, Strauss opened a store

in San Francisco and began selling fabric and other items needed by miners seeking their wealth in gold. Twenty years later, tailor Jacob Davis approached Strauss for financial support to get a patent for a rivet he designed to reinforce the stress points of trou sers, particularly the pockets.

In 1873, Davis and Strauss re ceived a joint patent on the rivet. and began making work overalls for miners, farmers and industrial workers. The trousers were an instant hit, and quickly made Strauss and Davis rich.

There were only a few changes as the original work trousers evolved into the blue ieans of today. Belt loops were added in the 1920s. Zippers replaced the button fly in the 1950s. Rivets were removed from the back pockets in the 1960s. Additionally, in the early 1900s, a synthetic form of indigo was used to color the trou-

When Strauss who started seven al charitable organizations in San Francisco, died in 1902, his neph ews had already assumed most of the control of his company. Davis nulled out when the San Francisco earthquake destroyed the company's factory. But Strauss' nephews rebuilt and expanded the factory.

The tour narrator, as well as a Western-accented voice that represents Strauss, explains everything to museum visitors from the Strausses' trip to America and their early days in New York to Levi's move to San Francisco and the evolution of blue jeans into the 20th century.

The museum, which opened in 2000, covers three stories and includes the display of a private collection of Levi's dating back more than 50 years. The museur also has a gift shop at street level. E-mail Rick Emert at: emertr@mail.estripes.osd.mil.



A pile of the patented rivets that reinforce Levi's jeans are on display at the Levi Strauss Museum.



Take Autobahn 73 south toward Nuremberg and exit at Buttenheim. Turn left at the second street toward Buttenheim, staying on the priority road until reaching the three- story, blue-andwhite Levi Strauss Museum on the left side of Markt-

A large sign stands in front of the house, and parking is available on the street. From Bamberg, it is less than a 20-minute drive



#### Times

From Nov. 1 to Feb. 28, the museum is open 2-5 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekends and holidays; during the rest of the year, it remains open until 6 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.



#### Costs

Admission is 2.60 euros for adults and 1.30 euros for children and students. Group rates require advance notification and are 2 euros per per-



#### Food

There are several restaurants in Buttenheim, including Jürgen's Bistro and the St. George beer cellar. Probably most popular is the

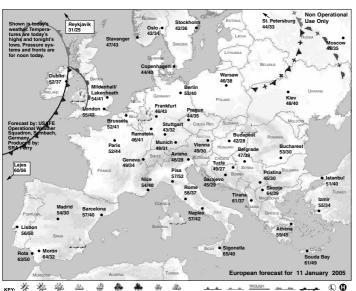
Löwenbrau beer cellar and restaurant. The restaurant serves traditional Fränkisch dishes, such as white beans with dumplings - as well as its popular Löwenbrau beer. e cellar is open 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Tuesday to Sunday, and 4-9 p.m. for dinner.



For information about the museum, call (+49) (0) 9545-442602 or (+49) (0) 09545-4409936. Its Web site is www.levi-strauss-museum. de/index html

There is an English-language site at www.levistrauss-museum.com. but it has considerably less information about the museum than

the German-language site - RICK EMERT



#### **EUROPEAN FORECAST**

Benelux: Mostly cloudy with rainshow-ers in the afternoon. Highs in the lower 50s. Wednesday lows in the

Britain, Ireland: Mostly cloudy v rainshowers. Highs in the mid 50s. Wednesday lows in the lower 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Partly cloudy with dense fog in the morning. Highs in the mid to upper 40s. Wednesday lows in the upper 20s.

France: Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 40s to lower 50s. Wednesday lows in the lower 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 40s. Wednesday lows in the

Hungary: Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday lows in the upper 20s.

Northern Italy: Partly to mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s. Wednesday lows in the upper 20s to lower 30s inland and lower 40s to lower 50s on the coast.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday lows in the lower 40s.

Kosovo: Partly cloudy with dense fog. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday lows in the lower 30s

Norway: Mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Wednesday lows in the lower

Portugal, Spain: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s to mid 60s. Wednesday lows in the lower 30s to lower 40s inland/east coast and lower 50s on the west coast

Turkey: Sunny. Highs in the lower 60. Wednesday lows in the upper 30s.

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#### Smoking debate

DENVER — Several Denver City Council members want to resurrect a debate on smoking in restaurants and bars.

The city now prohibits smoking in most work-places and public places such as the zoo, Botanical Gardens, and out-door theaters and stadiums.

Smoke-Free Denver, a community coalition, plans to lobby the City Council starting this month to ban smoking in restaurants and bars

#### Son's rowdy party

PA PITTSBURGH — Police haven't decided whether to file charges against the father of a 16-year-old boy who held a rau-cous, unsupervised New Year's Eve party at which his friends fired guns in the street and more than three dozen teenagers and young adults were arrested.

All those arrested, whose ages range from 13 to 22, were charged with underage drinking or disorderly conduct.

Police say they are investigating whether the host's father, Howard C. Gunter, 38, of Pleasant Hills, Pa., knew his son was planning a party when he chose to spend the night at a nearby hotel.

"I'm not very pleased about the parent's actions or lack of action," said Pleasant Hills Police Chief Floyd Nevling. "You don't go off and leave your 16-year-old son at home on New Year's Eve."

#### Escapee hides in store

NC CHARLOTTE — A prison escapee was arrested after hiding out for months in vacant Circuit City store, eating baby food stolen from an adjacent Toys "R" Us and watchine DVDs. police said.

Jeffrey Allen Manchester made his home in a 4-foot-by-10-foot closet decorated with posters and model toys, played hoops with a mini-basketball net and watched "Spider-Man 2." Authorities say he routed water from Toys "R" Us and even installed a smoke detector.

Manchester is now being held without bond on six felony charg-

"Tve never seen anybody so determined," said Officer Fred Allen, who spotted the hideaway in the store. "He wasn't going to make a stupid mistake. We had to find him."

Authorities say the 33-year-old Manchester sneaked out of the Brown Creek Correctional Institution on June 15 by clinging to the undercarriage of a truck. He was four years into a 45-year sentence on a robbery conviction from Gaston County.

#### Naked Wal-Mart greeter

MUSCATINE — A
Wal-Mart greeter was
sacked for apparently showing too
much of his friendly side to customers.

Dean L. Wooten, 65, was accused of greeting customers with a computer-generated photo of himself in which he appeared to be naked — except for a carefully placed Wal-Mart bag — and of telling customers that Wal-Mart was



#### AMERICAN ROUNDUP

cutting costs and the sack was the company's new uniform.

Wooten said he did not see the harm in the photo, which he said was made by a friend who spliced a picture of Wooten's head onto a shot of another man's body.

"When I first seen it, I pretty near died laughing," he said.

#### Postponing bison hunt

HELENA — Gov. Brian Schweitzer, fearing a "public relations nightmare" for Montana, said he wants to cancel a hunt for bison that wander outside Yellowstone National Park.

The newly inaugurated Democrat said he hopes to find a way to postpone the season for a year — it's set to start Jan. 15 — by either ordering the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks not to issue licenses, or by filling the Fish and Game Commission with new members who would reverse the decision to approve the hunt.

Schweitzer said he is not sure he can legally do the former, or has the time to do the latter.

The hunt was halted in 1991 after a barrage of bad publicity. Some environmentalists have threatened more protests if a hunt takes place this year.

#### Artists agree to leave

JERSEY CITY — Artists fighting eviction from a 144-year-old former factory agreed to leave in a deal in which the landlord will forgive back rents that may total up to \$500 000

that may total up to \$600,000.

About 60 artists who sued to re-



#### Homemade fun

From left, Kirsten Prince, 8, Savannah Jones, 5, and Katie Jones, 7, sled down a hill on a piece of cardboard at Rushton Park in Birmingham. Ala. main in their studios in the sprawling brick building owned by New Gold Equities will vacate by March 1. Landlord Lloyd Goldman will also pay \$35,000 for the artists' legal fees.

#### Free deer meat

SD RAPID CITY — The city is nearing its goal of killing 200 deer this winter after receiving complaints that a growing deen herd is eating homeowners' vegetation and causing traffic accidents. The city pays sharpshooters to kill the deer and gives the meat away. A similar program from 1996 to 2002 killed 878 deer within city limits.

#### Car seats big sellers

NC RALEIGH — A state law younget that requires children younget man 8 or less than 80 younget man 8 or less than 80 younget man 10 years and you

#### Gruesome charges

PA YEADON — A man was charged with raping and killing an aspiring teenage model, then cutting up her body, putting it in a steel drum and burnaing it with help from an acquaintance.

Delaware County District Attorney G. Michael Green said he will consider seeking the death penalty for Lamar Havmes. 29.

Haymes was charged with kidnapping, rape, first-degree murder, abuse of a corpse and other counts in the death of 15-year-old Deanna Wright McIntosh, who left home after an argument with her mother.

Authorities allege Haymes raped and killed Deanna at a house in Lansdowne just blocks from her family's Yeadon home.

#### Police chief blamed

FL TAMPA — The motorist blamed for causing a four-car wreck on an interstate entrance ramp was no mere run-of-the-mill driver: He was the police chief.

"I feel terrible," said Chief Stephen Hogue. "It was completely my fault."

Hogue was on his way to work and looked over his shoulder while trying to merge onto an interstate in his city-issued, 1999 Ford Crown Victoria. While he was looking, the traffic ahead of him stopped.

Hogue rear-ended a 2003 Volkswagen, which rolled into a 2000 Acura, which struck a 2003 Ford, police said.

"I'm just grateful no one was hurt," said Hogue.

Officer Paul Hoffman gave Hogue a \$120 traffic citation for following too closely. "We just want to do what we're supposed to do," Hoffman said.

Hogue's car sustained about \$4,000 in damage to the front end. Besides the fine, he faces four points on his driver's license unless he attends traffic school.



Lemonade for a cause sign promoting a lemonade sale while Sydney Eiland, 4, center, and Sarah Roberson, 6, prepare drinks in front of the Eiland home in Mobile, Ala. All proceeds from the lemonade sale were to be sent to the United Methodist Relief Organization.



Come home soon, Mommy

16-month-old daughter, Elise Cummins, goodbye as she leaves Reno,
Nev., with 80 other members of the Nevada Army Guard being deployed



She's an artist at work art at the Fort Worth Zoo in Fort Worth, Texas

Rasha, an Asian elephant, paints an original work of



A showy display

A peacock takes a stroll around Hart Park in Bakersfield, Calif.



Skiing with a kite

Saulius Muliolis of Euclid, Ohio, adds a splash of summery color to a wintry day as he kite-skis across Edgewater Park in Cleveland.



Always a good day to fish

Keith Blake drops a fishing line into the frozen waters of Lake Champlain at the break water of Rouses Point, N.Y.

#### Burned school reopens

WASHINGTON — A charter school reopened less than a month after it was ravaged by several fires.

Two fires were set Dec. 7 at the IDEA Public Charter High School in Northeast Washington. About a week later, the school was hit again. Parents and staff spent the last few weeks refurbishing the building. The fires didn't hurt anyone but caused \$1 million in damage.

#### Football fans shocked

SALT LAKE CITY — Dozens of University of Utah fans attempting to storm the Fiesta Bowl field in a rite of football victory were each hit with a 50,000-volt electric jolt from police officers.

Among those shocked after the game in Tempe, Ariz, was a high-school student who says he and others just wanted to celebrate with their team and were not acting violently when they were zapped.

Arizona State University police spokesman Keith Jennings said the use of the weapons was in line with department policy. That permits the deployment of electronic incapacitators during physical altercations with police officers.

Jennings conceded, however, that only two people were arrested for scuffling with officers in the immediate aftermath of the game. The officers used the weapons at

The officers used the weapons at Sun Devil Stadium in part "to protect the goalposts and the field" for an NFL game scheduled the following day, Jennings said.

"It was justifiable," he said.
"They were also trying to protect people. If they go down to the field and knock over the goalpost, that sort of thing, we're liable if someone gets hurt."

#### Therapist pleads guilty

NY PLATTSBURGH — A former therapist for children who suffered sexual abuse or had behavioral problems pleaded guilty to molesting 10 of them.

Douglas Kennedy, 41, of Peru in Clinton County, faces up to seven years in prison under the plea deal. The victims, both boys and girls, currently range in age from 8 to 15, District Attorney Richard Cantwell said.

Kennedy worked for Behavioral Health Services in Plattsburgh from 1995 until he resigned in June 2004 after two victims came forward.

The 11-count indictment included charges of criminal sexual acts, forcible touching and endangering the welfare of a child.

When Cantwell asked Kennedy to elaborate in court, he described some of the incidents as "horseplay"

Authorities said they contacted 170 former clients during the investigation.

tigation.

Kennedy is free on \$2,500 bail and was scheduled for sentencing March 8

#### Virginia changing road

ROANOKE — The Virginia Department of Transportation plans major changes to U.S. 220 from Roanoke to the North Carolina border that will cost an estimated \$8.3 million.

VDOT plans to close 23 median crossovers along the 60-mile stretch to improve safety. It will

also install new turn lanes at 11 locations and lengthen existing turn lanes in seven places, among other improvements

#### **Lottery and education**

OK OKLAHOMA CITY — Lottery proceeds would fund a \$500 million education bond issue under a plan supported by university presidents and the governor's office.

The money would be used for major building projects on campuses of the state's 25 public colleges and universities. The lottery approved by voters in November designates 45 percent of net proceeds for higher education.

#### Tsunami fines a no-go

TN CHATTANOOGA — A judge has rescinded his offer to dismiss traffic tickets for drivers who agreed to make a \$100 donation to victims of the tsunami. Municipal Judge Russell Bean

Municipal Judge Russell Bean had planned to offer the amnesty option for two weeks but had to possible and it after only one day amid questions about whether the program was legal. He also said it caused confusion for traffic violators whose cases were in other city courts.

"I watched the disaster on TV

and that was why I became emotionally involved and wanted to do this," Bean said. "I do hope that this has created awareness for a need to help our fellow mankind."

The tsumami donation option allowed violators to avoid a fine of up to \$50 and additional court costs, typically about \$78, plus any loss of driver's license points and any report to insurance companies.

#### Avalanche kills skier

MIT BOZEMAN — An avalanche in southwestern Montana killed one cross-country skier and injured another, leaving him stranded in the snow for two days until a rescue helicopter could pluck him to safety.

The injured skier was flown to

Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. His name and condition were not released.

Sheriff Bill Briggs also would not release the name of the victim, one of five cross-country skiers caught in the slide in the Centennial Valley. The body was recovered.

#### Paid to baby-sit own son

NEW YORK — A Brooklyn man was charged with felony welfare fraud after he allegedly accepted \$10,000 in child-care payments from the city for baby-sitting his own son. Robert Brown, 31, did not dis-

close that he was the 11-year-old boy's father when he began receiving payments three years ago under a city program that subsidizes child-care providers for parents who are either on welfare or working part-time, prosecutors said.

Brown was listed as caretaker by the boy's mother, Essie Porter, 40. Their scheme unraveled when city workers checked the boy's birth certificate and saw Brown identified as the father, prosecutors said.

Both Brown and Porter pleaded innocent at their arraignment on welfare fraud charges in Brooklyn Supreme Court. They face up to seven years in prison if convicted.

Stories and photos from wire services

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#### **FACES**

#### Screen legend's race car catches fire

A race car being driven by Paul Newman spun and caught fire Saturday at Daytona International Speedway in Florida, but the Academy Award-winning actor was not injured.

Newman was driving a Daytona Prototype sports car for next month's Rolex 24 when he spun on the road course, said Adam Saal, Grand American Series spokesman. The car did not hit anything, but the engine caught fire when Newman

tried to restart the vehicle The fire was contained to the engine compartment, and Newman escaped without harm. He was taken to the track's infield medical center and released after a brief evam



"I don't know what happened," said Newman, who returned to the track to watch one of his drivers, Sebastian Bourdais, test another car. "I'm fine. It just caught on fire somehow."

#### Model injured in tsunami returns home

Czech supermodel Petra Nemcova, injured in the South Asian tsunami, has returned to Prague for further

treatment, a news agency reported. Nemcova, who appeared on the cover of the 2003 Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue, was vacationing in Thailand with her boyfriend, photographer Simon Atlee, when the waves swept through their beach hut. She reportedly clung to a tree for eight hours as the water swirled around her.
Atlee, 33, a well-known fashion photographer, remains

#### Nelson 'glad' to raise money for victims

For Willie Nelson, picking and singing to raise money for relief efforts from the South Asian tsunami is a natu-

ral gesture.

"There really are a lot of people who would like to do something," Nelson said. "We're glad to offer those people opportunities to help out in different ways The Austin Music Hall performance Sunday by Nelson

and others sold out in less than seven hours, generating \$75,000 for the Red Cross, UNICEF and CARE.

The Texas event joins a slate of concerts organized around the world, including New York City, India, Austra-

lia and the United Kingdom

#### Connick to croon on Broadway

Harry Connick Jr., the crooning heartthrob and jazz stylist, will star next season in a Broadway revival of "The Pajama Game," one of the mutheater's biggest hits of the 1950s

Connick will play the role originat-ed in 1954 by John Raitt, according to Jeffrey Richards, a co-producer of the revival

Richards called Connick "an actor of enormous charisma and skill, a wonderful singer and a bona fide



#### Former girlfriend sues KISS rocker

A woman who says she is a former girlfriend of KISS rocker Gene Simmons is suing him for slander, saying the bass guitarist made her sound like a "sex-addicted nymphomaniac" during a "rockumentary" on VH-1 tele-



Georgeann Walsh Ward, 53, of Chester, N.Y., says in court papers that a photo of her appeared 11 times during the report on KISS, shown on the network several times in July and August, while Simmons claimed to have had sexual encounters with 4.600 women

In the documentary, "When KISS Ruled The World," Simmons commented that "there wasn't a girl that was off limits, and I enjoyed every one of them," court papers say.

Ward's papers say that because a photo of her with Simmons was shown during remarks about his sexual adventures, she was in effect portrayed

as "wild" and "unchaste No spokesperson for Simmons could be reached for

Stories and photos from The Associated Press



#### After a decade of wacky films, Adam Sandler's next big role may be a bit more grown-up

**44**Playing a father, well,

I'm getting a little

older and I do want

that lifestule.

BY MIKE SZYMANSKI Zap2it.com

LOS ANGELES dam Sandler smiles when he thinks back to his role as the reluctant father in the 1999 wacky comedy "Big Daddy." Now, he's playing a per-fect dad to two children in his latest film "Spanglish" and he's itching to give it a try for real "I just recently started trying and I'm doing the best I can," Sandler cracks in his best little boy voice. "It feels good to try. But playing a father, well, I'm getting a little older and I do want that lifestyle. I do want children. I study dads more."

A little more than a year ago. Sandler married former model Jackie Titone, whom he met doing "Big Daddy" and who had small roles in Daddy" and who had small roles in his films "50 First Dates," "Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo," "Little Nicky" and "Eight Crazy Nights." During family reunions recently, the 38-year-old star has watched his brother with his two children, and says he wants a life like that.

"This character feels so much like my brother — he has two children, he has a wife, he works with me," Sandler says, dressed in jeans and a pink and red flowered shirt at a small news conference.
"He chooses to stay in New Hampshire because he

wants his kids to grow up in the school they started with. He is his family's hero.'

As the family hero in "Spanglish," Sandler acknowledg-As the fainly nero in Spangissi, Sanuter acknowledges this is his most grown-up role to date. After four years on "Saturday Night Live" in the early 1990s, he became a box office success with hits such as "Billy Madison," "Happy Gilmore," "The Wedding Singer," "Anger Management" and "The Waterboy." Each time he seemed to play the same half-dumb immature geek.

But after surprising audiences with his serious romantic role in "Punch-Drunk Love" in 2002, he decided to grow up a bit in both his roles and in his life. When "As Good As it Gets" and "Terms of Endearment" Oscar-winning director James L. Brooks wrote this part of a serious dad for him, Sandler jumped at the chance to do something different.

"I loved his movies, every one he's done," Sandler gushes. "So when he wrote a movie and he wanted me to be in it. I was extremely excited but, in my head I didn't say, 'Oh, I'm gonna run away from my other stuff.'

Expect Sandler to be wacky again — he's next working on a movie about a universal remote control that takes over his life, titled "Click" - but he hopes to do it as a real-life dad. He's watched his father and siblings as parents and continues to take notes

"My parents would get a phone call saying, 'Hey, we're "My parents woung get a prione can saying, rey, we ac going away for Bermuda this weekend. You want to come? But, we're not bringing the kids." My parents would go, 'No kids? Oh no, then we can't go. 'That was my father and mother's sacrifice,' Sandler recalls. "They didn't care about anything but the kids and I feel like that's a big part of my character.'

Sandler says he gets his sense of humor from a father who "wasn't per-fect and had a temper, which I took some of." He admits, "My father having a temper led to me developing a sense of humor to calm the old man down

In "Spanglish," Sandler plays a restaurant owner whose wife (Tea Leoni) is a bit manic and harsh on their two kids — an overweight girl

and a meek boy. They live with his alcoholic mother-in-law (Cloris Leachman) and they hire a maid who speaks no English (Paz Vega) and has a young daughter. Temptation arises as his marriage seems to be falling apart, but it's up to Sandler to keep them all together.

"Jim coached me through every scene and told me what he wanted," says Sandler.

The comedian doesn't speak Spanish well, but says "Paz

taught me a few words that, if people weren't nice to me, I could tell them a few things." He also doesn't cook for himself like his character does, but thanks to a chef who was a consultant on the set, he learned how to make a mean BLT sandwich

Sandler's co-stars say they loved working with him be-cause he's so funny all the time. Leachman says, "He has no ego whatsoever; you can't find it."

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Leoni, as his wife, does a rather painful sex scene with him where she gets a bit carried away with her running shoes. "We shot many takes of that scene and he was a trouper through it all," says Leon. "He always is his usual boyishly charming self." Sandler recalls, "I was hurting! My poor chest! The camera kept rulling and Tea kept whacking. Like by take six,

wow, my make-up girl would have to run in and put flesh color back on my chest."

#### Horoscope

Capricorn is a responsible and focused energy that helps distill life's chaos down to its useful essence. New information is all well and good, but how does it apply? What's the practical action we should follow to

get to the next step? Tolerance is low for anything that doesn't contribute directly to the bottom line. TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (January 11). This will be

a busy, energetic year for you, bustling with social commitments and bursting with creative insights. A project you've been nursing with care and love goes public in February, March is cozy and romantic, while summertime is a whiriwind of publicity for your business. Also, a family-related event is featured in

#### ARIES (March 21-April 19).

Your inner wisdom is no dummy neither is it a betrayer. It wants to guide you toward your true mission and purpose. Stop fighting it. By focusing on your spiritual needs, you better the world in your own unique

#### TAURUS (April 20-May 20).

You have an innate ability to create order out of chaos. Attract the person you desire by showing him or her what a steady, calming force you can be. Water signs Cancer and Pisces worship the ground you walk

#### GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Being a perfectionist can be stress

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full Go easy on yourself — you don't need to be right all the time. By redirecting your keen insight and using it to support others, you impart knowledge that is uncannily true and perceptive.

#### CANCER (June 22-July 22). You feel energized and more than a little bit lucky. Your intuition and

Ittle bit lucky. Your intuition and creativity get a booster shot, too. Make the most of these stellar aspects by tackling your passion project with renewed gusto.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). The universe gives you a happy wink and a nod. You get a well-deserved break, enabling you to breathe a little easier and feel a little lighter. If

you hold your head up high, you can see over any obstacles to a perfect

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You'll be successful if you play by the rules. Good old-fashioned hard

day

work is a surer bet than winning the lottery, though flukes of outrageous fortune are in the stars for some of you. Remain upbeat and confident.

#### LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your

senses are laser sharp, and you're able to see things, people and situations for exactly what they are. Focus that X-ray vision on a project that requires serious concentration, and you will succeed magnification.

cently.

# SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). A positive opportunity to examine your values arises. Dump any old beliefs that just aren't working for you anymore. Make room for new truths. The successful future you envision is much nearer than you

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You don't just "get by" with a little help from your friends, you excel and thrive. Because of your fun-loving nature, powerful pals get a thrill out of giving you a leg up in life. Accept this with oratifude.

#### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Good news concerning love, money or the arts is found in your mailbox or voice mail. Perhaps a friend sends you a complimentary ticket, or a certain cutie is asking about you. When the message comes, act fast.

#### AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

It's hard to stay focused on mundane concerns like work and bills when your head's in the clouds. Your imagination is captivated by dreamy romance or flights of fancy involving winning the lottery. Give in to pleasure.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Your subconscious is sending you authiminal laws notes to help you

subliminal love notes to help you stay on the path to happiness. Note any interesting dreams, gut reactions or unusual experiences you might have. These are important clues.

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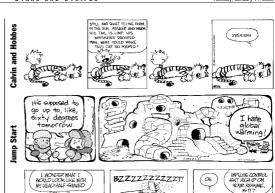
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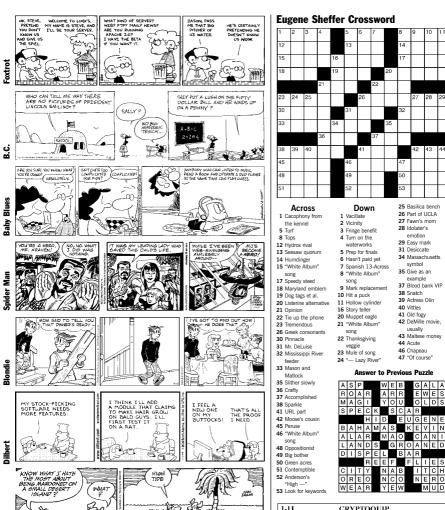








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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals T

### **Tough to leave victimization behind**

Dear Abby: I was molested at the age of 9. It went on for about five years. Eventually the man who molested me also raped me I tried numerous times to tell my mother, but she would never believe me. I even went to the

school counselor. My mother had a serious alcohol problem and didn't seem to realize what was going on.
"Ronny," the man who
raped me, used to beat my mother until she was unconscious — and then call me in and tell me it was my fault for telling on him, and that I should let him do what he wanted or he would hurt my mother again. Because I was only 9, I felt like I

had to protect her. Ronny has since passed away, but I am still scarred by what happened to me. My mother has never forgiven herself for not believing me, and I have suppressed much of what happened. those memories are going to come flooding back and hurt me all over again

What do you think I should do? Should I leave the memories buried, or find a way to get them out and move on? I have a very understanding man in my life. and we are engaged.

Dear Abby Please help me - Wants to Move

on in Houston Dear Wants To Move On: The best way to start a new life is to leave the baggage from the old one behind. You were manipulated and victimized by a monster, and counseling

can help you to close that horrendous chanter in your life forever. I received the following letter the morning after yours arrived. Please read it:

Dear Abby: I was raped at 13. The only person I told was a girlfriend, who told me it was my fault because I was too outspo-

ken and attractive. After that, I developed a severe social phobia and became shy and nearly housebound

I could barely talk to people my own age, let alone make friends or date.

In college, I finally sought counseling and began to realize that what happened to me wasn't my fault. I had to decide whether or not I was going to sacrifice more precious years to my fears

or move beyond them. Everyone who has been sexually violated needs to talk to a professional. At the very least, a child should talk to an adult

 Not Afraid Anymore Dear Not Afraid: Congratula tions for finding the courage to reach out and get the help you needed. I hope other victims of sexual assault will see your letter and learn from it that they were not at fault for the crime that happened to them.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

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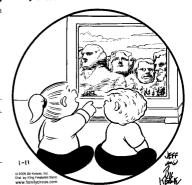
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: BISON BLUING SWISH INNATE Answer: When the kitchen help fell behind, the chef

#### Classmate's behavior disturbing **Family Circus**

Yesterday's



was - "STEWING"

"We learned about them at school. They're our four fathers."

# I am scared that one day all of

#### Dear Annie: I'm a 12-year-old girl attending

a local middle school I enjoy eating lunch with my friends and socializing during that time. My friends and I usually sit at the same table every day. On one particular day, someone took our table before we got there

So my friend, "Alice," suggested we sit with "Jenny," who seemed happy to have our company Jenny is nice, but very different. During lunch, she talked to her self and made odd sound effects did these short skits in which she performed all of the parts, and told unfunny jokes while she pretended to eat our food. We all laughed at her jokes in order to

be polite

It was OK to sit with Jenny that one day, but for the past week or so, she's asked to sit with us every single day. We have never refused, for fear of hurting her feelings. Jenny behaves in the same odd way all the time, and I don't know how much more of it I

#### Annie's Mailbox

can stand. Three of us asked Alice if she knew what we could do, and Alice became angry, so we didn't bring up the subject again. But I can tell that Alice is an-

noyed with Jenny, too. - At My Limit Dear Limit: It's possi-ble that Jenny is suffering from Tourette's syndrome or some neurological impair

ment that interferes with her control over her actions. Instead of ditching her, why not ask Jenny, gently, if she is aware that her behavior is a little odd and maybe she could talk to her doctor about it. It may open up a frank and helpful discussion.

Dear Annie: This is in response to "No Grimm Stepmom. who asked how long she is expected to pay for her stepson's education. As a college counselor and financial adviser, I often get the question of how long to keep paying for a child's education. I have come up with a series of

questions for parents to analyze:

1. Does the student have a focused goal, such as an advanced degree and teaching credentials, as op posed to changing majors every year? 2. Is the student carrying a reasonable full-time load (12 hours or more)? 3. Is the student making reasonable progress. taking required courses and making at least a "B" average? 4. Can you afford to continue to make this investment in his future? If the answers are all "yes," then continue to pay. If not, tell your child to make the answers "yes, otherwise the answer to any check-

book request is NO - Dr. D. in Tallahassee, Fla. Dear Tallahassee: Thank you for clarifying the difference be-tween a perpetual student and one who is actively pursuing

specific goals.
Your letter will help parents decide if they are truly assisting their child in achieving success. Inetr Critia in achieving success. Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marry Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox/ecomeast.net, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, c/o Creators Syndicate. 5777 W. Century Blwd. Suiter 90, Los Angeles, CA 90045.

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2. Kansas (11-0) beat No. 8 Kentucky 65-59. Next: at lowa State, Wednesday.
North Carolina (13-1) beat No. 22 Mary-Sunday (14-1) wednesday.
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20. Michigan State (19-2) beat Northwest-ern 87-58. Next at Wisconsin, Sund, John's 2.1. West Virginia (11-1) beat St. John's 2.1. West Virginia (11-1) beat St. John's 2.2. Maryland (9-3) lest 10 No. 3.0. Carolina 109-TS. Next: at No. 4 Wake Forest, Tuesday, 2.2. Clinchmatt (13-1) beat Saint Louis 69-53. 2.3. Clinchmatt (13-1) beat Saint Louis 69-53. 2.4. G. Washington (10-2) beat Doquesne 15-7. Next: at S.S. Bonaventure, Wednesday, 2.5. Boston College (13-9) beat Providence 6-50. Next: at No. 21 West Virginia, Sunday,

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Felloras, def. David Ferrer,
Thomas Johansson (7), Sweden, def. Floriam Mayer, Germany, 6-2, 7-6, 5, pain, def. Tod Reid,
Jarko Nieminen, Finland, def. Juroen MelzJarko Nieminen, Finland, def. Juroen MelzJarko Nieminen, Finland, def. Juroen Melz-

Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 7-5.

Mardy Fish, United States, def. Robin 
Soderling, Sweden, 6-4, 6-4. Women First Round

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Maggalena Maleeva, Burgaria, def. Sophie
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Fabiola Zuluaga, Colombia, def. Denisa
Ciniadiova, Czerb Republic, 6-2, 6-4, 6-4
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Doubles Men First Round

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#### Deals

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# Rupp crowd can't disrupt Kansas in first road game

The Associated Press

LEXINGTON, Ky. — Kansas coach Bill Self knew what he was doing when he put together his team's schedule.

The second-ranked Jayhawks didn't play on an opponent's home court before Sunday, and many wondered how they would respond in a hostile environment, especially without injured preseason All-America Wayne Simien.

The answer: just fine.

In Simien's absence, less-touted inside players C.J. Giles, Christian Moody and Sasha Kaun combined to score 28 points as the Jayhawks beat No. 8 Kentucky 65-59.

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Kansas (11-0) is 4-0 without
Simien, including wins over Top
10 teams Georgia Tech and Kentucky (10-2). Simien is sidelined
following surgery on his left
thumb but could be back as early
as next week

The Jayhawks proved they can win on the road — even in front of 24,367 fans, the second-largest crowd in Rupp Arena history.

"We played a good schedule," Self said. "Our RPI and strength of schedule is No. 2 in America. We played good opponents, but we just haven't played away from home.

"You can't really get a gauge of where you are until you leave your own building. I think this was good. Sometimes when you play at home a lot, the pressure is on the home team when expectations are so high. I think getting away, it worked out fine. Our guys didn't act like it was our first road game of the season." Giles, Moody and Kaun certain-

Giles, Moody and Kaun certainly didn't, outplaying Kentucky's more-touted frontline of Chuck Hayes, Kelenna Azubuike and Randolph Morris.

"We just knew we were as tough as they were," Giles said.



In the only other game involving a ranked team on Sunday, No. 15 Texas beat Baylor 79-60.

Giles, a freshman starting in place of Simien, went 5-for-5 from the field and finished with 10 points, six rebounds and two blocked shots. Moody, a junior walk-on, had 11 points and seven rebounds, while Kaun, a freshman who didn't play in Kansas' last game, added seven points.

Another inside player, freshman Alex Galindo, had four blocked shots

"Our freshmen came through," Self said. "Moody came through, and that's the big thing. We've said all along, before we can be good, we've got to have some other guys come through other than Keith [Langford] and Wayne and Aaron [Miles]. Certainly, that was the case today."

Hayes, Azubuike and Morris combined to go 8-for-35 from the field, including an 0-for-8 outing from Morris

"We just didn't do a good job," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "We got shots up, but I thought it was poor selection not passing the ball back out and reposting. They took us out of our game. We weren't strong enough and disciplined enough to stay with the game plan." Kansas' inside dominance

Ransas inside dominance proved to be fortuitous for the Jayhawks, because their perimeter trio of Langford, Miles and J.R. Giddens went a combined 7-for-28 from the field.

The win was only the Jayhawks' fourth in 23 meetings with Kentucky and their first in 11 v road games with the Wildcats.

The traditional powers hadn't played each other since the 1999 NCAA tournament.

Kansas held its biggest lead at 52-44 with 6:12 left, but a 9-0 Kentucky run, capped by a driving, off-balance layup by Patrick Sparks, put the Wildcats up 53-52

with 3:54 left.
Miles scored his only basket 20 seconds later to regain the lead for good for the Jayhawks, who won despite committing a season-high 21 turnovers.

Kansas led 58-56 and had the ball when Miles fell down while dribbling. The ball bounced to Michael Lee, who made a three-pointer with 30 seconds left.

"In close games, it's often called traveling," Miles said. "We just got lucky on that play."

Miles and Giddens each made two free throws over the final 17

Langford was hit in the head with 2:45 left and sustained a severe concussion, Self said. Moody left the game with 1:29 remaining after injuring his ankle. Self didn't know the status of either player for Kansas' next game, at Iowa State on Wednesday.

Neither team shot well. Kansas was 21-for-53 from the field (39.6 percent), including 4-for-16 from three-point range. Kentucky fared worse, shooting 21-for-68 (30.9 percent), including 6-for-26 from beyond the arc.

No. 15 Texas 79, Baylor 60: Daniel Gibson scored 18 points, Kenton Paulino had 17, and LaMarcus Aldridge added 16 points and 11 rebounds for the Longhorns (12-2) in the Big 12 opener for both teams. Gibson and Paulino combined for nine of Texas' 11 three-pointers.

Tim Bush had 20 points for the visiting Bears (7-4), who have lost 14 straight to the Longhorns.



Kansas' Keith Langford lowers his shoulder to drive past Kentucky's Chuck Hayes during the second half of the Jayhawks' victory.

### Basketball coaches making headway with NCAA

BY STEPHEN HAWKINS The Associated Press

The Associated Pres

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Basketball coaches got initial approval from the NCAA on most of their proposals seeking more access to players and prospects, but they still have plenty of convincing to do.

NCAA Division I vice president David Berst said many administrators and faculty are concerned that coaches are trying to get more practice time and more control of their players. Coaches contend their purpose is to have more mentoring opportunities.

"Work has to be done in trust-gap issues," Berst said Sunday. "That is the impediment we need to overcome."

There were 44 proposals from the National Association of Basketball Coaches and the Womens Basketball Coaches Association among 146 for various sports considered Sunday by the NCAA Division I Management Council.

The council advanced a propos-

al to make permanent a 12th football game each season for Division I and I-AA teams.

All proposals that got initial approval are subject to comment until the management council meets again in April. The council will then consider the proposals again before deciding which ones to send to the NCAA Board of Directors for final approval

When directors meet Monday, the final day of the NCAA convention, they are expected to approve an academic reform package that will lead to scholarship reductions for teams with poor academic performance. President Myles Brand has said the measures "will change the culture of colleges sonts."

Universities and colleges

would get annual reports outlining academic progress of athletes and longer-term graduation success rates. There would be minimum standards that teams would have to reach. America East Conference com-

missioner Chris Monasch, the chairman of the Management Council, said a "significant portion" of the council's daylong meeting Sunday was spent on the basketball proposals. Since becoming NCAA presi-

dent two years ago, Brand had urged basketball coaches to get involved with trying to correct what they considered problems.

That led to the package of proposals from the coaches.

Many of the ideas are designed to allow more access to players and signees, including the ability to work with players during the offseason and to observe voluntary, non-organized activities like pickup games. "The backbone of what they wanted is still in place," Monasch said.

Still, Berst said the proposals likely would have failed "if this had been the final vote.... It runs to the lack of trust, and whether coaches are sincere in their claims."

access to players could lead to greater retention and higher graduation rates.

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monasch said some of the coaches' proposals were initially turned down, but were revived and forwarded after further discussion.

The council denied proposals to permit benefits to men's basket-ball players such as occasional meals and special circumstance gifts of up to \$50 for birthdays and such. Also rejected was a proposal to allow schools to pay airfaire for one parent to accompany prospects on official visits.

#### QBs set for Senior Bowl

The Associated Press

Jason Campbell, Georgia's David Greene and Arizona State's Andrew Walter will share quarterback duties for the South team in this month's Senior Bowl.

The North quarterbacks are three top NFL prospects: Akron's Charlie Frye, Connecticut's Dan Orlovsky and Purdue's Kyle Orton.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers coach Jon Gruden will coach the South in the Jan. 29 game at Ladd-Peebles Stadium. Norv Turner of the Oakland Raiders will coach the North.

Campbell, the SEC's offensive player of the year, led undefeated Auburn to an SEC championship and a No. 2 ranking. His 31 career victories are the most for an Auburn quarterback.

# Beltran, Mets reach preliminary agreement

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Carlos Beltran is on the verge of becoming the latest free-agent star to join the rebuilt New York Mets, following Pedro Martinez in an effort to turn around a team seeking its first World Series title since 1986.

A day after the All-Star outfielder let the deadline to re-sign with Houston pass, Beltran reached a preliminary agreement Sunday night on a \$119 million. seven-year contract with the Mets that includes an \$11 million signing bonus.

"We have good-faith terms, and we're working toward the final agreement," Beltran's agent, Scott Boras said. "We're near the end of it, but not quite complete."

The Mets, who haven't made the playoffs since 2000, just last month lured Martinez from the Boston Red Sox with a \$53 million, four-year deal. They declined comment on their talks

with Beltran

New York and Boras, spent Sunday negotiating the salaries for each season, the amount of deferred payments and the sched-

ule of payment.
Beltran was due to come to
New York for a physical Monday.
The sides intended to announce
the deal Tuesday — the last day
before a change in federal rules
makes signing bonuses subject to
increased taxes.

Across town, the Yankees planned to hold a news conference Tuesday to announce their acquisition of Randy Johnson. The Big Unit also was to have his physical in New York on Monday, the last step needed to finalize the drawn-out trade talks for a deal in which the Yankees will send to Arizona pitchers Javier Vazquez

izona pitchers Javier Vazquez and Brad Halsey, catcher Dioner Navarro and \$9 million. Navarro will be sent to the Dodgers with pitcher William Jua-

rez and two other prospects for outfielder Shawn Green and \$10 million.

Green and Arizona reached an agreement in principle Sunday on a \$32 million, three-year contract, which would allow that trade to

be finalized. "Our view of this is that we effectively traded Randy Johnson for Vazquez, Halsey, Shawn Green and \$19 million," Arizona managing partner Ken Kendrick

Said. The deal will give Green a \$2 million signing bonus, \$10.5 million this year, \$8 million in 2006 and \$9.5 million in 2007. The agreement includes a mutual option for a fourth year, with a \$2 million buyout should the Diamondbacks decide not to retain

Los Angeles is waiting on that trade before signing off on a \$36 million, four-year deal with pitcher Derek Lowe.

Lowe said from his home in

Green.

Lowe said from his nome in Fort Myers, Fla., he wasn't sure if a deal had been finalized, but he planned to be in Los Angeles on Monday.

"I'm flying to L.A. [Monday] morning, that is all I know," the 31-year-old right-hander said Sunday night. "I think I'm taking a

physical." Beltran, who helped Houston come within a victory of its first World Series last year, will become the 10th player in baseball history to agree to a deal worth \$100 million or more — getting the biggest contract deal since Jason Giambi's \$120 million, seven-year agreement with the Yankees in December 2001.

His average salary of \$17 million will the Houston's Jeff Bayell for the seventh-highest, trailing only Alex Rodriguez (\$252. million), Manny Ramirez (\$20 million), Derek Jeter (\$18.9 million), Eventh State (both \$18 million), and Giambi (\$17.1 million).

Houston offered a guaranteed \$100 million, seven-year contract, which included a \$14 million option for 2012 with a \$2 million buyout, an Astros executive said Sunday on the condition of anonymity. If the option were exercised,

the deal would have been worth \$112 million for eight seasons. Another person in the talks,

Another person in the talks, also speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Astros owner Drayton McLane raised the guaranteed offer to \$108 million Saturday night. That figure was disputed by the Astros executive. McLane turned down Beltran's

McLane turned down Beltran's demand for a no-trade clause, which became an obstacle to a deal, perhaps a fatal one.

"That was one aspect, but there other parts," McLane said. "They were trying to see which was the best deal they could get. We were close, but there were a number of issues that had to be resolved that never came together. There were just too many things going on."

Borsa also spoke several times with the Yankees on Saturday night, and proposed a \$100 mil-lion, six-year contract for Belt-ran, a high-ranking baseball official said on the condition he not be identified. While the Yankees told Boras they thought highly of Beltran, they turned down the commit \$1400 million - \$100 mil-lion in salary and \$40 million in luxury tax.

AP Sports Writers Bob Baum in Phoenix and John Nadel in Los Angeles contributed to this report



# Sonics call on reserves to earn sweep of Heat

SEATTLE - Danny Fortson has gotten a kick out of playing against Shaquille O'Neal. With this kind of success, why wouldn't For the second time in a week, Fortson and the Seattle Su perSonics got the best of O'Neal and the Miami Heat.

The Sonics ended the Heat's franchise-record, 14-game winning streak in Miami last Monday and then beat the team with



the hest record in the East in the home re. match, 108-98 Sunday night.

"I love Shaq," Fortson said. "He's a great guy and I admire him. Any time I'm out there on the court with him, it's an honor." But Fortson is hardly in awe of

the 7-foot-1, 325-pound center who was traded to the Heat by the Los Angeles Lakers last summer. O'Neal had 28 points, 11 re-

bounds and five blocked shots in 38 minutes. Fortson answered with 18 points and 10 rebounds, and helped shut Shaq down in the fourth quarter when the Heat were outscored 13-1 in the final

"It's good," the 6-8 Fortson said. "It gets you ready to play, for one thing. You got some guy you're going against, the strongest guy on earth. You're going to

be ready to play."

The Sonics' reserves, led by Vladimir Radmanovic's 27 points, outscored the Miami bench 66-17 - including Fortson's output

O'Neal didn't score after his three-point play with 7:38 left. He might be the strongest play-

er in the NBA, but Fortson is plenty strong, too. "Everybody is spread out and

you have to help on the pick and roll," a tired O'Neal said. "He just bulldozes his way in there. Acquiring Fortson from Dallas

for center Calvin Booth has given the Sonics inside toughness and rebounding they lacked when they won only 37 games and missed the playoffs last season Fortson also came into the game with a plan against O'Neal.

"You've got to kind of lean a little bit on him, too," Fortson said "He leans people, so you've got to give him a little bit of the same thing he does. I think at the end of the night, we both were just out

there sucking wind. Radmanovic The streaky Radmanovic scored 11 of his season-high 27 points in the final quarter, when he made three of five three-point-

Radmanovic came within two points of his career high and shot 11-for-17 including 5-for-9 from three-point range, after being limited to a total of 12 points in losses at Washington and Orlando.

"Two games don't mean much during the season," said Radmanovic, who had 21 second-half points. "You don't lose your confidence because of just two games.



SuperSonics forward Nick Collison fouls Heat center Shaquille O'Neal in the second half of Seattle's second straight victory over Miami.

even think about it."

The Sonics won on a night when All-Star guard Ray Allen didn't perform like an All-Star. Allen, who scored 35 points in Miami, shot 6-for-17 for 15 points.

"That doesn't happen a lot," Sonics coach Nate McMillan said of Allen's off night.

Eddie Jones scored 19 points, and Wade had 16 for the Heat. Bothered by back snasms Wade shot 3-for-11 after the first quarter

If the teams are to meet again this season, it'll be in the NBA Fi-

"They got us twice in two close games," Wade said. "We look forward to seeing them later.'

Raptors 109. Warriors 87: Chris Bosh had 21 points and a career-high 17 rebounds, and Rafer Alston scored 14 second-half points, leading the Raptors at home

Alston missed 23 straight shots over three games before his layup sparked a 15-2 run in the third quarter. He made his next six shots as Toronto outscored Golden State 36-17 in the third quar-

Morris Peterson had 21 points and Alston added 15 for the Rantors, who led by as many as 30

Clifford Robinson had 18 points for the Warriors, who have lost five straight without leading scorer Jason Richardson (sprained

Knicks 113, Trail Blazers 105: At New York, Allan Houston had his best game of the sea son with 25 points on 8-for-12 shooting to lead the Knicks.

Jerome Williams had 15 points, six rebounds and four assists as New York ended a season-high four-game losing streak to get

You have to come back and not back to .500 (17-17).

Houston made four three-pointers while surpassing his previous season-high of 21, and Stephon Marbury had 20 points and 12 assists while outplaying his cousin Portland rookie Sebastian Telfair Zach Randolph scored 27 and

Ruben Patterson added 20 for the Trail Blazers, whose losing streak increased to three games.

Suns 124, Pacers 89: At Phoe nix, Shawn Marion scored 21 points and Amare Stoudemire ad 20 points and 14 rebounds to help the Suns win their sixth straight and NBA-best 30th game of the season, one more than last season

Phoenix's 30-4 start ties the Boston Celtics 1971-72 Milwaukee Bucks for the best start for a team with four loss-

es in NBA history.

Joe Johnson added 15 points and Quentin Richardson 14 in the Suns' highest-scoring and most

one-sided victory of the season. Jamaal Tinsley scored 21 and Jermaine O'Neal 16 for the Pac-

Rockets 116, Nuggets 98: Tracy McGrady scored 20 his 45 points in the fourth quarter and had 12 rebounds to help Houston

McGrady hit four three-point-ers and was 7-for-9 overall in the fourth quarter, reaching 40 points for the third time this season and the second in five games McGrady finished 15-for-26, had five assists and blocked three

pull away in Denver.

shots Yao Ming added 12 points and seven rebounds for Houston, which shot 51 percent and went 11-for-19 from three-point range.

Carmelo Anthony had 27 points and Kenyon Martin added 15 points and 10 rebounds for the Nuggets, who have lost four

#### NBA scoreboard

#### **Eastern Conference**

Atlantic Division					
	W	L	Pct	GB	
New York	17	17	.500	_	
Philadelphia	15	17	.469	1	
Boston	15	19	.441	2	
Toronto	13	22	.371	41/2	
New Jersey		21	.364	41/2	
Southeast D	ivis	ion			
Miami	27	9	.750	-	
Washington	19	13	.594	6	
Orlando	18	14	.563	7	
Charlotte	8	22	.267	16	
Atlanta	5	26	.161	191/2	
Central Division					
Cleveland	20	12	.625	_	
Detroit	18	14	.563	2	
Indiana	16	16	.500	4	
Chicago	13	18	.419	61/2	
Milwaukee	12	19	.387	71/2	
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San Antonio		7	.800	-		
Dallas		10	.688	41/2		
Memphis		17	.514	10		
Houston		17	.500	101/2		
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Northwest Division						
Seattle	24	8	.750	-		
Minnesota			.531	7		
Portland		18	.438	10		
Denver	14		.424	101/2		
Utah			.314	141/2		
Pacific Division						
Phoenix	30	4	.882	-		
Sacramento	21		.656	8		
L.A. Lakers	17		.548	111/2		
L.A. Clippers			.500	13		
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# **Appleby gets PGA Tour off to surprising start**

#### Australian defends title in Mercedes Championships as Singh, Els, Woods falter

BY DOUG FERGUSON

KAPALUA, Hawaii — Everything fell into place for Stuart Appleby, even before he showed up on Maui and made a successful defense of his title in the Merceles Championships.

His wife is in Australia expecting their first child, but he was assured the birth would not happen until he got home.

Unable to hit balls a week before the tournament because of nerve problems in his left leg, stretching exercises made him fit enough to play.

And with the tournament up for grabs Sunday, Appleby got unexpected help.

The 33-year-old Aussie captured the season-opener on the PGA Tour, playing the final 55 holes without a bogey and letting everyone else collapse down the stretch for a one-shot victory. "You'd have to say it's slightly

"You'd have to say it's slightly surprising," Appleby said. The biggest shock was what

happened behind him.

Vijay Singh was tied for the

lead until hitting a tee shot he never found on No. 13 to make triple bogey.

Ernie Els looked like a shoo-in to force a playoff until his tee shot on the par-5 18th ricocheted off a cart path and vanished into trees and shrubs.

Tiger Woods couldn't make a birdie putt that mattered.

And when Jonathan Kaye messed up a chip on the final hole, Appleby wound up in a position be never could have imag.



Stuart Appleby hits from the second tee during the final round of the Mercedes Championships on Sunday at the Kapalua Plantation Course in Kapalua, Hawaii. Appleby finished 21 under par to win the tournament for the second straight year. Appleby played the final 55 holes without a bogey.

ined until the first PGA Tour event of the year was in the books — a lei draped around his neck, the trophy in his hand and another sports car for his collection.

"I just had to keep my head down and do my thing," he said. "I've never been a player that's

had enough experience to run from that far behind. But it's nice to know that when the dice is rolling good, you just keep throwHe threw down a 6-under 67 in the final round for a one-shot victory over Kaye, becoming the first player in 22 years to win back-to-back in the Mercedes Championships, and the only play-

er at Kapalua to have a round over par and still win the tournament.

"You look at where I was after round one, you would not have put any money on me," he said.

Appleby finished at 21-inder

271 and earned \$1.06 million for his sixth career victory, assuring himself a trip back to Kapalua next year. Kaye closed with a 71, while

Woods (68) and Els (71) were two shots behind. Singh (74) and Stewart Cink, who made two bogeys over the final three holes for a 71, were another stroke behind with Adam Scott (65).

Appleby got into the mix by driving the 398-yard sixth hole — downwind, with a steep hill over the final 100 yards down to the green — to set up a 12-foot eagle putt. He added two tough birdies on the back nine, including a 25-footer on the 17th that gave him the outright lead for the first time all week.

Appleby wasn't even aware of his position. Having won last year, he knows that leads can change in a hurry. "I just ran hard across the line

"I just ran hard across the line and tried to get my nose in front,"

Nor did he have any idea what was going on behind him.

was going on behind him.

The final round was played in the toughest conditions all week.

Two inches of rain overnight left the turf soggy, and the Kona wind from the opposite direction made the Plantation Course at Kapalna a beast

Five players had at least a share of the lead at some point.

Singly, who had so me-shot lead going into the final round, made going into the final round, made his first begge of the year with a three-put from 50 feet on No. 4 and was still tied until he stepped to the 13th tee and pulled his drive into the waist-high weeds. His next tee shot went into the rough, his wedge came up short and he missed a 5-footer to make triple boggey.

Woods, the only player to post all four rounds in the 60 at Kapalua, was never a serious factor because of his putting. He missed a dozen putts inside 12 feet all week, and Sunday was not much better. With one last chance to make a move, he missed a 5-footer on No. 13 and a 10-footer on the 16th.

# Armstrong still unsure of plans for Tour de France

he Associated Press

SILVER SPRING, Md. — Lance Armstrong is still unsure about his plans for this year's Tour de France.

Armstrong on Monday said he plans to ride in several of the European spring classics before deciding in late April whether to try for a seventh consecutive Tour de France victory in July

"I'll definitely be in France this summer," Armstrong said. "It just might not be on the bike."

Armstrong spoke as his Discovery Channel Pro Cycling Team announced its 2005 race schedule. The team's 28 riders from 15 countries will start 11 days of training in California on Tuesday, but it no longer has the laser-beam focus on winning the Tour de France above all else—as it has in years past.

"It's definitely a departure, beginning the year not focusing on the Tour," said Armstrong, the only six-time winner of cycling's most prestigious race.

Armstrong has promised his team's new sponsors that he will ride in at least one more Tour de France, but he offered several reasons for possibly waiting until 2006 to fulfill that obligation.

Recently, Armstrong has pined

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for a chance to focus on some of the races he has ignored or never won because his focus has always been on the Tour of France. He said his tentative plans for this year include the Tour of Flanders in Belgium (March 4-6), the Amstel Gold Race in the Netherlands (April 17), the Fleche Wallone in Belgium (April 20) and the Liege-Bastogne-Liege in Belgium those races, the Fleche Wallone in 1996, shortly before he was diagnosed with testicular cancel

#### Former CU PK Hnida says harassment began quickly

DENVER — A former Colorado kicker who says she was raped by a teammate and terrified of telling her coach about it said sexual harassment started the day she joined the team.

Katie Hnida said she is still haunted by what she went through.

"It's been five years, and it's still terrifying. It's still something that I wake up with and I deal with," Hnida said in an interview aired Monday on NBC's "Today." At least nine women including Hnida have said they were assaulted by Colorado football players or recruits since 1997. No criminal charges have been filed, though Hnida said she is part of an investigation by the state attorney eeneral and Boulder police.

"The investigation is very far from over," said Hnida, who first told her story of rape and mistreatment to Sports Illustrated last February. The university issued a state-

The university issued a statement Monday saying it has asked Hnida to provide information about the alleged attack so action can be taken.

"Regretfully, she has chosen not to respond to these calls, but we understand that is her personal decision," the school said.

"We admire Katie's strength and perseverance in pursuing her dream of playing college football, and we wish her the very best in her future endeavors."

Hrida joined Colorado in 1999 as a walk-on but never got into a game. She transferred to New Mexico in 2002 and the next year became the first woman to score in a Division I-A football game, kicking two extra points in a 72-8 win over Texas State-San Mar-

Colorado coach Gary Barnett

was suspended for three months in early 2004 in part for comments he made after Hnida's story was revealed. He called her an "awful" player and said "not only was she a girl, she was terrilil."

Hnida said her mistreatment began on the first day of practice when, on her way to the locker room, she was "surrounded by five men who were much bigger than I was asking me sexual questions"

The problems continued throughout the season, she told "Today."

#### Yow to miss two games with recurrence of breast cancer

RALEIGH, N.C. — North Carolina State women's basketball coach Kay Yow will miss two games because of a recurrence of breast cancer, the school said Monday.

Yow — who earned her 600th victory at the school in December — coached in Sunday's loss to Clemson. She will miss Friday's game against North Carolina and next week's game against Virginia Tech.

She is expected to return to the bench against Miami on Jan. 20. Associate head coach the interim.

Munich wants to bid

#### for 2014 Winter Olympics

FRANKFURT, Germany — Munich, the Bavarian capital which hosted the 1972 Summer Olympics, wants to bid for the 2014 Winter Games.

Germany's National Olympic Committee will examine a feasibility study for a Munich bid at its next meeting at the end of the month, spokesman Michael Schirp said Monday. Munich's planned bid comes

Munich's planned bid comes after another German city, Leipzig, failed to make the list of finalists in the race for the 2012 Summer Games.

Munich still has the infrastructure.

ture from the 1972 Games, including an Olympic arena, as well as an array of nearby winter sports centers that regularly host top-level competitions. The 1972 Munich Olympics

The 19/2 Munich Olympics were overshadowed by a raid of Palestinian gunmen on the athletes' village that resulted in the deaths of 11 members of the Israeli team.

The deadline for submission of

The deadline for submission of bids for the 2014 Winter Games is July 2005. The International Olympic Committee will select the host city in 2007.

# Colts QB Manning chosen as AP's NFL MVP again

#### Record-breaking passer receives 47 of 48 votes after sharing honor last season

BY BARRY WILNER

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Peyton Manning's phenomenal season earned him his second straight Associated Press NFL Most Valuable Player Award. He was nearly a unanimous choice.

The Indianapolis Coltse' star quarterback, who surpassed Daw Marino and Steve Young with his passing prowess in 2004, earned all but one of 48 votes from a national panel of sports writers and broadcasters who cover pro football. Manning tied with Steve McNair for the award last season.

but this time only Atlanta quarterback Michael Vick drew a vote.

Manning joined the likes of Joe Montana, John Unitas, Steve Young and Kurt Warner as quarterbacks with two MVP awards. Brett Favre is the only player to win it three times.

"Individually, I accomplished a lot in a short period of time," Manning said. "But no question, we did not win a Super Bowl in the time I've been here as a quarter-

Ever the team man, and ever championship-oriented, Manning refuses to concentrate on his statistics. He might have thrown for 49 touchdowns, surpassing Dan Marino's 20-year-old NFL record. And he may have shattered Young's passer rating record with a 121.1 mark. And he might have established other league marks and a bunch more team

But to Manning, unless it all culminates in a championship, it's not what he's after.

records

"Just because you played well in Week 2 or Week 10 doesn't mean anything for the playoffs," Manning said. "Except that you're capable of doing it."

Manning was capable of doing almost anything in leading the

Colts to a 12-4 record and the AFC South title. They routed Denver 49-24 in the first round of the playoffs — the MVP voting was held before the postseason — and play at New England on Sunday.

He also turned two of his previously unaccomplished receivers, Reggie Wayne and Brandon Stokley, into threats almost on a par with Manning's favorite target, perennial Pro Bowler Marvin Harri-

All caught at least 10 touchdown passes and went over 1,000 yards in receiving — an unprecedented combination for three teammates. "Peyton is such a competitor, he has such high expectations to go out and win," Wayne said "You want to make a play for him and bail him out of tough situations"

Tough situations? Manning tends to make everything look

Sort of like Young and Montana and Unitas and Warner and Favre did. But all of them have that championship along with their MURO.

Manning doesn't.

And it drives him to do even more.

# Road to Super Bowl figures to get tougher

## Three of four visiting teams advanced to second round with victories in wild-card games

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

The long-range weather report for Foxboro, Mass., on Sunday is partly cloudy with temperatures from 20 to 30 degrees. Not exactly the RCA Dome this week: no wind and 72.

Yes, Peyton Manning is great, the best active NFL quarterback and moving up the list of the best

ever.

But beating a flawed Denver team 49-24 at home in the first

Analysis

round of the playoffs Sunday is not the same as going into frigid Foxboro against

the winner of two of the past three Super Bowls.

So far road teams have fared well in the playoffs — better than ever before in fact. Three of the four winners in the wild-card round were road teams. The Colts were the only home team to win and they'll be the best of the second-round road teams.

They will need all the skill they can muster — they have lost to the Patriots five straight times, including in last year's AFC championship game and on the opening night of this season, both times in Foxboro.

Indianapolis-New England will be the final game of next weekend's Super Bowl quarterfinals, which will begin with the other AFC semifinal, the New York Jets at Pittsburgh on Saturday. The Patriots are favored by 3 points; the Steelers by 9.

In the NFC, Minnesota will be at Philadelphia early Sunday after upsetting Green Bay nday after upsetting Green Bay 11-17, joining St. Louis as the first 8-8 teams to advance in the playoffs. The Rams, who beat Seattle 27-20 on Saturday, now go to Atlanta for a Saturday night game.

As in the AFC, these games are rematches. Philadelphia beat the Vikings 27-16 in the second week of the season, a day after Atlanta beat St. Louis 34-17 in the Georgia Dome. The Eagles are favored by 9 points, the Falcons by 7.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning looks back to his bench after the Colts fumbled the ball during the fourth quarter on Sept. 9 in Foxboro, Mass. The Patriots beat the Colts 27-24. The opening-night loss was the Colts' fifth straight to the Patriots, including last season's AFC championship game.

The most interesting game will be in Foxboro, matching Manning and the other record breakers in the Colts' offense against the defending champs.

They also have the home weather advantage.

of Manning's record 49 touchdown passes, 32 were indoors — 26 at home and six more at Detroit's Ford Field.

And in the five losses to New England dating to 2001, Manning has thrown just nine TD passes along with nine interceptions. Once again, he will be facing Tom Brady, who doesn't have Manning's numbers but has the title—two, actually—that Manning lacks.

So Foxboro will be a different story, though it probably will be more like this season's opener, a 27-24 New England victory, than last season's title game, a 24-14 Patriots win that wasn't really that close.

Manning threw four interceptions in the title game. He had just one in this season's matchup — in the end zone by the Patriots' Tedy Bruschi on a pass thrown from the New England 6 on the

Colts' first possession.

The end of that game was also indicative of why the Patriots have won those two Super Bowl, had a 21-game winning streak over two seasons, and are just the third team with back-to-back 14-2 regular seasons. With the Colts in position for a game-tying field

over two seasons, and are just the third team with back-to-back 14-2 regular seasons. With the Colts in position for a game-tying field goal, Manning was sacked by William (so a game) in ground the was a considerable of the work of th

Mike Vanderjagt, forced to kick from 48 yards after the sack, missed a field goal and New England won

But the Colts seem confident they can keep their prolific offense going — even in Foxboro in January.

"When the playoffs come around, you definitely want be hitting on all cylinders," said second-year tight end Dallas Clark, who had six catches for 112 yards on Sunday. "I think we are, and the team keeps getting better every game."

Next weekend's other AFC game is also a rematch. The Stee ers beat the Jets 17-6 in Chad Pennington's second game back from a bruised rotator cuff in his throwing shoulder. Pennington's passes fluttered in that game, and he threw three intercentions

He was a lot more confident in New York's dramatic 20-17 overtime upset Saturday night in San Diego, and his arm looked a lot stronger, notably on a perfect 47-yard pass that hit Santana Moss in stride for a touchdown.

"Obviously I didn't play well the last time we played Pittsburgh, so those questions will be asked again," Pennington said Sunday.

Most of Pittsburgh's starters will have had two weeks off going into the game; the subs actually played well enough in the finale to knock Buffalo out of the play-

OIIS.

So Ben Roethlisberger, who became the first quarterback ever to be voted NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year, will have rested his bruised ribs, and Plaxico Burress and other banged-up Steelers will be beathlier.

Rested teams sometimes get rusty, though.

Probably not the Steelers coach Bill Cowher won't allow it: He had the backups playing hard in Buffalo, and the starters surely will come out strong against the Jets.

Philadelphia, which started 13-1 before tanking its last two games, should be the prohibitive favorite in the NFC. But they will be without Terrell Owens and may have lost momentum resting most of their key players in those last two losses.

The Vikings have the offensive weapons to cause problems for the Eagles, although Randy Moss, who had two touchdown catches, was limping throughout the 31-17 win in Green Bay. But while their defense played well in Green Bay, it's inconsistent at best. Even without Owens, Philadelphia should move the ball

St. Louis will have what it likes in Atlanta — an indoor stadium and a fast track. But the track also benefits Michael Vick, who ran for 109 yards and was 14-for-19

for 179 yards in the first meeting. Moreover, the Rams are a bad road team — 3-6 now, with two wins in Seattle and the third over San Francisco, the NFL's worst team this season.

Maybe in the next round the home teams will actually have an advantage,

# Moss stands behind latest antics Vikings: Pack

By DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Randy Moss is almost sure to be fined for pretending to moon fans in Green Bay during a playoff win, according to

The league is looking into the star receiver's antics in Minnesota's 31-17 win over the Packers on Sunday and will announce its ruling later this week

When asked whether the oft-fined Moss would be penalized again, a league spokes man recited NFL rules mandating discipline for "obscene gestures or other actions construed as being in poor taste.'

A fine for the first offense under those guidelines is \$5,000.

Moss has not previously been fined for such action, but paid a \$25,000 penalty in 1999 for squirting an official with a water bottle.

In the last year, the NFL has dealt with a couple of highly publicized situations that many fans found objectionable. There was the Janet Jackson breast-baring episode during the halftime show of the Super Bowl in February and the steamy "Monday Night Football" introduction this season featuring Philadel-phia receiver Terrell Owens and "Desperate Housewives" star Nicollette Sheridan.

On Sunday, Moss caught a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter and headed toward the goalpost. He then turned his back to the Lambeau Field crowd, bent over and pantomimed pulling down his pants.

"Just having a little fun with the boys Moss told a Fox reporter as he left the field. "I hope I don't get in trouble by it, but if I do I'll take the heat

Moss, making \$5 million this season, de clined comment Monday.

Vikings coach Mike Tice said he spoke Monday with Art Shell, executive director of the

players' association. 'The league has called me," Tice said. "I didn't see it until last night.

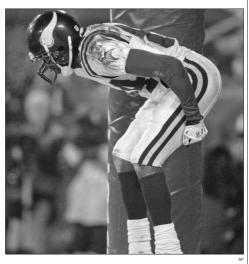
Tice added he always thought of Green Bay fans as having "a tremendous amount of class" but that he didn't think they acted that way Sunday.

Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy said he saw Moss' action and, "I thought it was kind of humorous

"Anyone who has played in the NFC Central knows what that's about. The fans in Green Bay have a tradition in the parking lot after the game where they moon the visiting team's bus," he said. "It's kind of a unique

"I had seen it seven times because when I was with the Vikings, we lost to them seven times up there," he said.

Fox did not show a replay of Moss' display during the game.



nnesota Vikings receiver Randy Moss bends over and mimes pulling down his pants to moon the crowd after catching a 34-yard touchdown pass in the fourth quarter at Lambeau Field.

ESPN declined to show the replay Sunday because, "in the end, we decided a conservative approach, taking a breath rather than rushing to air, would be prudent," spokesman Josh Krulewitz said.

Krulewitz said renlays were to be shown Monday "conservatively, based on the NFL's and the Vikings' reaction to it."

Last month, Denver quarterback Jake Plummer was fined \$5,000 for an obscene ges-

Moss was originally fined \$40,000 in 1999 for squirting an official, but it was reduced to \$25,000 on appeal.

Moss verbally abused corporate sponsors on the team bus in 2001. That resulted in the team fining him \$15,000 and forcing him to attend anger management classes.

In December of 2002, he was fined \$1,200

by a judge after being charged with bumping a traffic officer with his car in downtown Min-

And last week, he was chewed out by team mates for leaving the field before the end of a loss in Washington. Center Matt Birk, one of the Vikings' leaders, confronted him and quarterback Daunte Culpepper also was upset.

Moss, his hair poofed out in a giant Afro,

had four receptions for 70 yards and two touchdowns in Sunday's game.

After Moss' second score and resulting

show, Birk just shook his hea "That's Randy," he said. "You take the good with the bad."

needs a makeover

# penalties prove costly

Morten Andersen slipped and had his 29-yard field goal attempt get blocked, giving the Packers momentum midway through the second quarter with a chance to tie the game.

Free safety Brian Russell stepped in front of Walker on first down, picking off Favre's pass and returning it 14 yards to the Green Bay 28. Two plays later, Nate Burleson burned rookie Ahmad Carroll for a 19-vard touchdown catch that made it

After a scoreless third quarter, the Packers pulled to 24-17 on Najeh Davenport's 1-yard plunge with 13:37 left. But penalty-prone Carroll committed two infractions, setting up Culpepper's 34-yard touchdown pass to Moss that gave the Vikings a 14-point cushion with 10:18 remaining.

Cornerback Al Harris jumped the slant-and-go route, and Moss running on a sprained right ankle - hauled in the ball for an easy score.

"I expect a big game from Randy every single time we go out," Burleson said. "It's hard for him, because everybody gives him a lot of flak about certain things that he does, but really when it comes down to it that's a guy that I know I would rather have than any other receiver in this league.'

Moss bought himself another week of scrutiny by pretending to pull down his pants and moon the crowd following a touchdown.

"Just having a little fun with the boys," he said. "I hope I don't get in trouble by it, but if I do I'll take the heat."

The Packers, who began 1-4, lost five of their nine games at Lambeau Field - where they've lost only twice in the playoffs.

"I was as disappointed as I've ever been after a loss," coach Mike Sherman said. "We are bet-

ter than what we showed."

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### Favre: Family to play big part in choice

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At 35, Favre feels the tug of family, not just football.

His father and brother-in-law died in the last 13 months. His oldest daughter attends high school in Mississippi and his wife, Deanna, is fighting breast

"It's not about me anymore," Favre said. "My wife has gone through some difficult times and continues to. So that is going to play into my decision-making

Favre, scheduled to make \$6.5 million in 2005, said he's never played for the money and won't

"If I come back, I want to come back for the right reasons and that's to lead this team to the

Super Bowl." Favre said. He's pretty certain he has the offense to do that, but the defense

Still, Favre said he didn't seek assurances from Sherman about nersonnel changes or acquisitions. He figures his job is simply to lead whatever players are on

But for now Favre wants to get as far away from football as he can, at least for a while

"My vacation is going home to Mississippi and hiding," he said. "I'll probably think about this game until whenever. And to block this game out and make a decision is going to be difficult. But I will try my best.



Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre walks off the field following their loss to the Minnesota Vikings on Sunday.

# **Colts-Broncos a mismatch again**

### Manning directs rout, sends Indv to New England

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - When Peyton Manning surveys a football field he sees unlimited pos-

Regardless of which target he chooses, the Indianapolis quarterback has an excellent chance of doing something productive, even special.

The NFL Offensive Player of the Year and Most Valubale Player was unstoppable again Sunday, throwing for 457 yards, second most in postseason history, in leading the Colts past the Denver Broncos 49-24.

Manning displayed how he broke Dan Marino's 20-year-old NFL mark by throwing for 49 touchdowns this season. By hitting 27 of 33 passes and four touchdowns, his QB rating for the game, 145.7, dwarfed his record 121.1 rat-

ing for 2004.

"It was outstanding execution throughout the entire game," Manning said. "Tony talks about staying calm in pressure situations, and it doesn't get more intense than the playoffs

Coach Tony Dungy believes last year's playexperience, when the Colts went to the AFC championship game in Foxboro — they play there Sunday against the defending champion Patriots — helped against over matched Denver (10-7).

"I don't know that we are better equipped but we're a little more mature and confident,'

They certainly should be confident with Manning.

"He was sharp," Dungy added. "He plays well in big games, and I'm glad he's on our

With the Broncos taking away favorite op tion Marvin Harrison early, Manning turned to Reggie Wayne and Dallas Clark in building an insurmountable first-half lead.

Wayne finished with 221 yards, third most in playoff history, on 10 catches, with two touchdowns. Clark, who sustained a concus-sion in last week's loss at Denver, had 112 yards and a score. By halftime, Manning had a record 360 yards passing.

"We wanted to start out fast. That's what we did," said Wayne, who admitted the Colts





Colts quarterback Peyton Manning, left, riddled the Broncos defense with 457 yards passing the second most ever in the playoffs - and four touchdowns, two of which went to Reggie Wayne, right. Wayne's 221 yards receiving were third most in playoff history.

were upset by Broncos remarks last week questioning Indy's toughness. "We wanted to keep making plays and let the team know I'd be here all day.

'We jumped on them so fast they didn't have any time to say anything. The Colts (13-4) routed the Broncos in the

same game last January, when Manning was 22-for-26 for 377 yards and five touchdowns and Indianapolis led 31-3 at halftime. The Broncos were even worse in the first half Sunday, trailing 35-3.

"You have to give credit where it is due," Denver safety John Lynch said. "This is the best offense that I have ever played against They have a quarterback who puts them in that situation. I have never been in a game where so much has felt, like, almost hope-

The Broncos seemed out of contention from With All-Pro cornerback Champ Bailey solo

ing on Harrison, the Colts went the other way. Manning picked on Kelly Herndon and rookie Roc Alexander en route to a 21-0 edge.

He found James Mungro with a 2-yard lob to make it 7-0. Then he used tight end Clark

for gains of 24 and 31 yards on the next series, and Edgerrin James surged in from the 1.

Manning was 11-for-14 for 156 yards in the opening quarter, and he found Wayne, who made a splendid catch, for another 49 yards with his first pass of the second period. But a deflected throw was intercepted by Herndon in the end zone.

No matter. Clark's 19-yard reception made it 21-0 on Indy's next possession. After Jason Elam's 33-yard field goal, the Broncos tried an onside kick that failed, and Wayne's

yard TD made it 28-3 For good measure, Manning sneaked in from the 1 with 6 seconds left in the half, his first TD rushing in more than two years.

"The offensive linemen have been telling me we need to run more sneaks," Manning said with a laugh. "They were as fired up as

anybody."

The Colts are fired up for the Patriots, although they're aware conditions won't be nearly as perfect. And the opponent won't be nearly as timid.

Those guys are still playing like world champions and we're going to their place," tight end Marcus Pollard said. "New England is going to be a strong challenge for us."

#### NFL scoreboard

NFL playoff glance Wild-card Playoffs Saturday, Jan. 8 St. Louis 27, Seattle 20, N.Y. Jets 20, San Diego 17, OT Indianapolis 49, Denver 24 Minnesota 31, Green Bay 17 Divisional Playoffs

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Wayne 10-221, Clark 6-112, Harrison 4-50,
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Playoff receiving yards Most receiving yards in a single playoff

game: 240 – Eric Moulds, AFC Wild Card, Buffalo at Miami, 9 receptions, Jan. 2, 1998. 227 – Anthony Carter, NFC Divisional, Min-nesota at San Francisco, 10 receptions, Jan. nesota at San Francisco, 201988. 9, 1988. 221—Reggie Wayne, AFC Wild Card, India-nanolis vs. Denver, 10 receptions, Jan. 9, napolis vs. Denvo., ... 2005. 215-Jerry Rice, Super Bowl, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 11 receptions, Jan. 22, 1969.

### Defense finally looks ready to hold up its end

By MICHAEL MAROT The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - The Indianapolis Colts have a message for the rest of the NFL: Their defense is finally good enough to win play-

For a team that has spent most of its money, and seemingly much of its energy, putting talented players around quarterback Peyton Manning, the defense has always been the Colts' weak link in the postseason

If Sunday's 49-24 playoff rout of Denver demonstrated anything, it's that opponents can no longer count on simply winning shootouts against the Colts. They must now contend with a young. quick, aggressive defense that will lock them up.

"I felt we were dominating at

times in every area," All-Pro de-fensive end Dwight Freeney said. The Colts didn't get to the sec-

ond round of this year's playoffs simply with a fastbreak offense, and they know they need more than that to reach the Super Bowl. So Indianapolis' defense want-

ed to set the tone early Sunday with its typically aggressive schemes and some uncharacteris. tically big hits.

In the first half, Raheem Brock broke free up the middle and blasted Denver quarterback Jake Plummer with a hard shot to the chest. Plummer was forced to call timeout before the next play.

"I know he felt that one," Brock

The defense, often criticized for being too soft and not stout enough against the run to succeed in the playoffs, was relentless

Whether it was maligned linebacker Rob Morris or rookie cornerback Jason David, perhaps the smallest player on the Colts, the textbook tackles straightened up ball carriers, buckled knees and never allowed the Broncos to deploy their intended strategy.

"We had to sustain some drives, move the football, and try to keep them off the field." Denver coach Mike Shanahan said "The only way to slow them down was to keep them impatient." But the Colts' defense didn't

give Denver a chance. Instead, the Broncos managed just 32 yards on nine carries and failed to convert their six third-down chances in the first

By halftime, Denver had just 103 vards in offense. Plummer had already been picked off once. and the Broncos were staring at a 35-3 deficit.

The Broncos managed to handle Freeney, the NFL sacks leader with 16, by putting extra blockers in front of him. But Denver (10-7) struggled with the rest of the Colts' line

Freeney's teammates took aim

at Plummer, sacking him three times and harassing him count less others, forcing poor throws and bad decisions.

The knock on Indianapolis' defense is that it gives up too many yards. Of the 12 playoff teams, the Colts were the worst — ranked No. 29 in yards allowed, a statistic the Colts claim is mislead-

Sunday's game illustrated how vardage numbers can get

When the game was decided in the first half, the Broncos were stymied. In the second half, when the game was already over, the Broncos produced 235 yards and scored on their first three posses

'Every time we go out, we try to send a message," Freeney said. "Whether it's regular season, preseason or postseason, it's more of a mind-set. We want to carry it over and show we can win a Super Bowl."



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# Vikings pick off Packers



Minnesota Vikings receiver Randy Moss (84) tries to break away from Green Bay Packers cornerback Al Harris (31) after catching a pass in the

### Moss, Minnesota stun Green Bay in NFC wild-card game

BY DAVE CAMPBELL The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Randy Moss and the Minnesota Vikings finally figured out how to finish. They did it against their bitter border rival in an outdoor playoff game, no less, following an uproarious week that revolved

around their moody star receiver's latest misdeed Moss caught two touchdown passes, staying on the field for every second, to help the sixth-seeded Vikings speed past the stunned Green Bay Packers on Sunday, 31-17

"We never bought into the negativity," said Daunte Culpepper, who threw for 284 yards and four

touchdowns and watched Minnesota's frequently dismal defense

intercent Brett Favre four times The Vikings, joining this year's St. Louis Rams as the only 8-8 teams to win a postseason game, will travel to Philadelphia next weekend. The Rams play at Atlanta in the other NFC semifinal.

For the second straight season. Minnesota started strong and faded down the stretch - losing seven of the last 10 games. After missing the playoffs with a last-second loss at Arizona in 2003, the Vikings qualified this time only because the conference was so weak.

"They let us in," linebacker Chris Claiborne said, "and now they've got to kick us out."

Green Bay swept the season series with a pair of 34-31 victories on game-ending field goals from Ryan Longwell, including the NFC North-clinching win at the Metrodome on Dec. 24.

A Minnesota loss at Washington in the regular-season finale remembered best for Moss' frustrated walk off the field as his teammates prepared to try a desperation onside kick — set up this rematch between teams supposedly headed in different direc-

On top of their second-half slump, the worst record over the final 10 regular-season games by any team in the 72-year history of the NFL playoffs, the Vikings came in with just two victories in their previous 22 outdoor games. The Packers, meanwhile, won nine of their last 11 and appeared poised to make a serious run in a

diluted NFC 'I sure wish we could've went on and seen what we could've done," said Favre, who completed 22 of 33 passes for 216 yards and threw four interceptions.

Minnesota scored on its first three possessions, jumping to a 17-0 lead. Green Bay, which played without Pro Bowl receiver Jayon Walker in the second half because of a bruised left shin, cut the deficit to seven on Favre's 4-yard touchdown toss to Bubba

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Franks

### Favre left pondering retirement

BY ARNIE STAPLETON The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Packers coach Mike Sherman has a lot of work to do overhauling his dismal defense and keeping his offensive line together. He just hopes he doesn't have to look for a new starting quarterback this offseason, too.

Sherman and Brett Favre met for 45 minutes about the quarter-

back's future after Green Bay's unanticipated exit early from the playoffs Sun-Favre

who threw four interceptions in the Packers' 31-17 loss to



the Minnesota Vikings, said he didn't want his poor performance to play a role in his decision whether to retire or return to Green Bay for a 15th NFL season.

"It would be easy to walk off the field after that game and say, 'I've had enough.' " Favre said. "But I'm going to try to be as fair to myself and to this team as possible. I've had a lot of great games This obviously was not one of them. But I can't base my decision on this game

Sherman asked Favre not to let this game tilt his decision when he makes up his mind about 2005. Favre is still on top of his game

- he threw for more than 4,000 yards and 30 touchdowns again this season — and he's guided Green Bay to the playoffs 10 times, tops in the NFL during the salary cap era.

But losing hurts Favre more and more as the years go on and time ticks away on his stellar ca-

Favre wanted to give Sherman an answer by the draft in April, but Sherman wants one much sooner and will give him a deadline by the time the players scatter to their offseason homes this

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